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Mt. Vernon deputy police commish drove getaway car for son's gang shooting: DA

The family that slays together . . .

Officials say Jennifer Lackard, deputy police commissioner for Mount Vernon (above), and her husband helped their son Chase, 20 (right), a member of the "Slutty Gang," commit a shooting by driving his getaway car. Lackard allegedly even gave Chase advice on carrying out the crime, and provided a change of clothes to try to cover his tracks. Lackard, who was making $138,219 a year at the police department, was fired from her job, and is being held on bail after being charged with attempted murder along with her son.

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City bills could run afoul of Zo

By CRAIG McCARTHY,
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HANNAH FIERICK
and MATT TROUTMAN

E-bike terrors put on notice

Sparks may fly between electrified City Council members who pledged Tuesday to unveil 17 measures reining in dangerous e-bikes across the Big Apple and Mayor Mamdani, who has backpedaled on enforcing existing laws.

The bills run from bans on certain e-bikes to tweaking commercial bicycle safety laws.

Council Speaker Julie Menin argued the city's laws aren't being properly enforced and said the bills will be paired with a major oversight hearing next month.

"Just as we all share the city, we all share the roads and the responsibility to use them responsibly," she said. "That's why we at the City Council are launching a comprehensive legislative review of e-bike and e-scooter safety in September.

"We already, let's be real, have existing laws in place to regulate the use of e-bikes, but it's vital that they are enforced fully, properly and effectively. And in light of the latest statistics, we believe that our city agencies can do a better job of ensuring that."

E-bikes and electric scooters have become a growing scourge on city's streets, with more than 500 collisions involving the vehicles unfolding this year alone, a 32% increase from the same point in 2025, officials said.

The collisions included a crash along the Queensboro Bridge in May that killed a stand-up electric scooter rider and a cyclist. Last week, a 17-year-old boy died after he rammed his e-bike into an SUV near City Hall.

Another recent crash involving an e-bike rider in Central Park left a jogger in a coma.

"My sister was healthy, 43 years old, jogging in the park twice a day sometimes, and now she's been in a hospital bed for going on four weeks," said Jessica Selano, who spoke in support of lawmakers' e-bike measures. "Doesn't really remember her name most of the time, or who we are. Has to have several operations. It's going to be a long road, very hard."

The push, however, could run into trouble with Mamdani's administration. The mayor in March ended the NYPD's practice of issuing criminal summonses to e-bikers and cyclists for traffic offenses, in part over concerns that immigrant offenders could be deported.

The bills will include:

- A requirement that third-party delivery apps register with the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection, giving the city more oversight and enforcement tools when it comes to delivery drivers. The bill is sponsored by Lynn Schulman (D-Queens).
- A requirement that the apps collect detailed info on their drivers and track them around the city. It is sponsored by Gale Brewer (D-Manhattan).
- An increase in penalties for leaving the scene on an e-scooter, and the addition of e-bikes to the law, also sponsored by Brewer.
- A prohibition on the sale and rental of Class Three bicycles with electric assist, establishing civil penalties up to $2,000. Crystal Hudson (D-Brooklyn) is the sponsor.

GopFundMe

CYCLE OF DANGER: An e-biker cruises illegally along the Hudson River greenway bike path. Jean (above) was severely injured when she was struck by a bike in Central Park.

Stefano Giovannini

Judge nixes NY's mask ban for ICE

ICE agents in New York can't be banned from wearing masks, according to a federal-court ruling that smacks down one of the state's new sanctuary policies.

Obama-appointed Judge Mae D'Agostino on Monday granted a temporary injunction of the law on the constitutional grounds that states can't place rules on federal agencies — a blow for Gov. Hochul and Albany Democrats who slapped together new policies in response to President Trump's immigration crackdown this year.

"New York cannot impose its own uniform requirements on federal agents simply because it disagrees with how the Federal Government is exercising its authority," D'Agostino wrote.

Still, D'Agostino lauded Democrats' sanctuary measures as "well-intentioned" and refused to grant the feds an injunction to block another ICE-related New York ban — on localities striking formal so-called 287(g) cooperation agreements with the federal immigration agency.

That ban is set to go into effect Aug. 25. *Vaughn Golden*

Subway fire sends responders to hosp

At least six MTA workers and five firefighters were hospitalized after a train caught fire in the Astor Place subway station in Manhattan early Tuesday.

A vacuum train, which is used to clear debris from the tracks, caught fire just before 2:15 a.m., the FDNY confirmed.

Some 46 firefighting units were dispatched to tackle the second-alarm fire at the Noho station.

Six MTA workers and five firefighters were rushed to hospitals, the FDNY said, without providing any details about their conditions.

Service on the 4 and 6 lines was partly suspended, the MTA confirmed. *Chris Bradford*

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California ZIPs pa$t Florida

America's most expensive ZIP code has changed coasts.

For the first time in two years, the tony 33109 enclave of Miami's Fisher Island has been knocked off its priciest perch — by the 94027 in Atherton, Calif., a Silicon Valley community flush with cash from the artificial intelligence boom, according to PropertyShark.com and Bloomberg.

South Florida's rise was fueled by hedge funders, private equity titans and corporate transplants that included billionaires like Ken Griffin, Jeff Bezos and Carl Icahn.

Located northwest of San Jose in San Mateo County, Atherton reclaimed its old crown after median home prices there shot up to nearly $10 million in the first half of 2026, a roughly 20% jump from the year before, per PropertyShark's annual ZIP code rankings.

The town counts venture capitalist Marc Andreessen, WhatsApp co-founder Jan Koum and Golden State Warriors sharpshooter Stephen Curry among its residents. *Mary K. Jacob*

Cost worries eclipse stox

More Americans are worried about paying for food, medical care and housing than they are about how the stock market is doing, according to a new survey.

More than two-thirds (69%) of respondents said they were "very concerned" about the cost of healthcare, 66% said the same about the price of food and consumer goods and 64% listed the cost of housing as a major concern, according to the Pew Research Center study published in July.

That contrasted with just 18% who said they were very concerned about how the stock market was doing.

Anthony Blair

'PADDED' RESULTS

Sports bras in new cycling 'cheat' scandal

By ERICH RICHTER

Paris — or bust!

Cycling's newest performance enhancer isn't in a syringe, but in a sports bra.

Accusations of padded bras that can give women's Tour de France competitors an aerodynamic advantage are flying through the cycling world.

Dutch news outlet Wielerflits reported that several complaints have been filed this year about female cyclists allegedly exploiting their breast size by faking a larger cup size to use more padding in their bras during time trials.

Bert Blocken, professor of aerodynamics at Heriot-Watt University in Scotland and LUT in Finland, concluded in a study that a rounder chest has an advantage as it helps reduce aerodynamic drag through "chest fairing."

That stuff is banned

Chest fairing is an object that is placed inside a jersey or skinsuit to reduce aerodynamic drag and smooth airflow around the body.

"It [reduces] overpressure on the thighs. As a result, the rider experiences less air resistance," Blocken said.

Padded bra use is prohibited by the International Cycling Union, which makes it clear that competitors cannot place objects on the chest or use clothing that alters body shape.

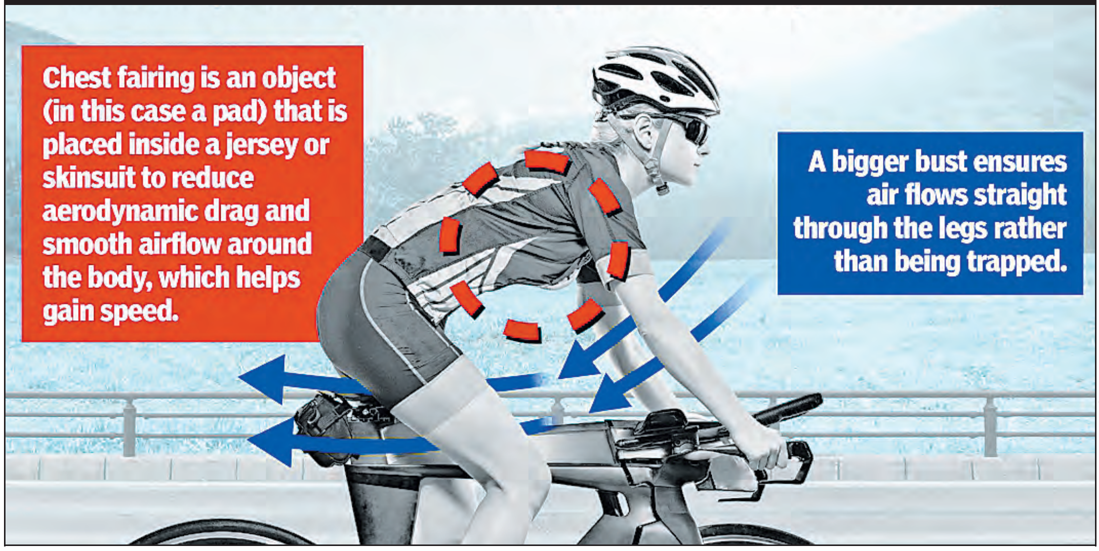
"It is not that you gain a benefit of tens of seconds with this in a time trial, but in a ride of 20 to 30 kilometers, it can yield seconds that can be decisive," Blocken said.

In complaints made to the UCI, teams want female padded-bra inspectors to come in and check the riders in a closed tent to "ensure they are not hiding anything in their bras or under their aero clothing."

The Tour de France has long dealt with cheating controversies, with blood doping having previously infiltrated the cycling world.

The Tour de France Femmes, which started Aug. 1, runs through Aug. 9.

Ahead of the curve


Chest fairing is an object (in this case a pad) that is placed inside a jersey or skinsuit to reduce aerodynamic drag and smooth airflow around the body, which helps gain speed.
A bigger bust ensures air flows straight through the legs rather than being trapped.

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OVER THE TOP: Cyclists compete this week in Tour de France Femmes, as some have accused bikers of breaking rules about "chest fairing."

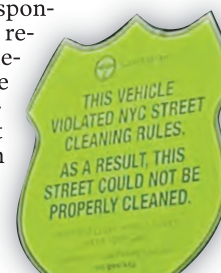
‘Sticking’ it to cars

Street-clean shaming

By HANNAH FIERICK

City officials Tuesday began slapping giant neon-green “shame stickers” on the cars of drivers who failed to follow alternate-side-parking rules.

The quirky crackdown, featuring 8.5-by-11-inch adhesives, was resurrected in the city by Manhattan Councilwoman Gale Brewer, who sponsored a bill that repealed a decade-long law on the practice and allows street sweepers to again stick it to scofflaws.


THIS VEHICLE VIOLATED NYC STREET CLEANING RULES.
AS A RESULT, THIS STREET COULD NOT BE PROPERLY CLEANED.

“There’s just not enough cops,” Brewer said of enforcing the parking rule.

The stickers are being distributed by the city Department of Sanitation.

“So I’m hoping that, you know, the sticker thing will resonate with people and say, ‘You gotta move your car,’ ” the pol said. “I don’t know what else to do,”

Video posted to social media showed Brewer gleefully anointing the first unlucky vehicles with stickers on the West 90th Street — which she claimed was about halfway lined with cars parked illegally.

“This vehicle violates NYC parking regulations. As a result, this street could not be properly cleaned,” the stickers state, according to the clip posted by a New York Times reporter. Brewer’s bill passed earlier this summer in a 41-10 vote.

Opponents fume

Mayor Mamdani allowed the legislation, Intro-92, to go into effect after 30 days, declining to sign or veto it. But some New Yorkers and lawmakers were peeved. “Many of the drivers getting stickered were innocent and the glue wrecked their cars. A ticket is a penalty. Gluing trash to someone’s windshield is vandalism,” former City Council member David Greenfield wrote on X.

The fine print at the bottom of the sticker notes vehicle owners should use “warm water and a scraper” to remove the placard.

Brewer said the new stickers are easier to remove than the old ones, although she acknowledged she hadn’t tried to remove one herself.

The practice was banned by the council in 2011 after complaints that the adhesive used on the stickers was too difficult to take off and sometimes damaged windows.

Therapist ‘rapes’ teen

A twisted “kink” therapist raped a 17-year-old transgender patient during a session at his Manhattan office earlier this summer — and may have other victims, officials said Tuesday.

Remington Yhap, 47 — who boasted he specializes in “sex” and “kink” in an online biography — allegedly sexually assaulted the boy June 15 at Liberation Psychotherapy’s Midtown office, according to court documents. Officials said the boy was Yhap’s patient from September 2025 through July 2026.

Yhap’s psychotherapy focus is LGBTQ+ mental health, depression and “sex (e.g., kink, non-monogamy/polyamory, sex work),” according to the Liberation Psychotherapy website.

The doctor adds on the site, “I am dedicated to co-creating a safe, nurturing environment.” *Steven Vago*

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SHOCKING: After a shooting outside a Bronx court in June, Mount Vernon Deputy Police Commissioner Jennifer Lackard (below and far right) and gangbanger son Chase (below right) are in custody.

Mount Vernon cop mom

By JOE MARINO, STEVEN VAGO
and KATHERINE DONLEVY

A Westchester County police bigwig and her ex-con hubby chaperoned their gangbanger son to a botched hit on a rival in The Bronx — then took over as the getaway driver, officials said Tuesday.

Mount Vernon Deputy Police Commissioner Jennifer Lackard, 49, and husband James Lackard, 55, drove their 20-year-old son, Chase Lackard, to the Grand Concourse on June 29 at around 11:57 p.m. and helped him plan a brazen hit right outside the Bronx Criminal Court building a few blocks from Yankee Stadium, according to police and court records.

Once there, the proud parents sat in the front of the family’s Chrysler Pacifica while their “Slutty Gang”-member son opened fire with a semiautomatic out of the window toward members of the rival street crew P. Laafay — but missed his targets, sources and documents said.

Then the family of brainiacs sped off, switched seats in the car and even had the son change clothes to avoid detection, according to a criminal indictment unveiled Tuesday.

The proud mom — a former member of Bronx Community Board 9 — and her goon son were arrested Tuesday morning at their home in the Soundview neighborhood, cops and sources said.

The dad, who has done hard time for dealing heroin, wasn’t in custody as of Tuesday evening and is out of state, sources told The Post.

Axed from the force

The Mount Vernon police force fired Jennifer Lackard from her $138,219-a-year gig hours after news of the arrest broke. The department also wiped her profile from its website, which had listed her as boss of the Wellness Unit.

“Effective immediately, the city of Mount Vernon has terminated Jennifer Lackard’s employment,” the department said in a news release.

“The allegations are unrelated to her duties with the Mount Vernon Police Department and do not stem from any conduct associated with the department or the performance of her official responsibilities.”

The three are each facing a slew of charges, including attempted murder, conspiracy and reckless endangerment.

Jennifer Lackard was arraigned Tuesday afternoon and ordered held on $75,000 bail by Bronx Judge Laurence Busching.

Chase Lackard was awaiting arraignment as of Tuesday evening.

The indictment against the less-than-model family outlines the elaborate lengths the alleged bad parents went to help their son try to murder his rivals, including giving him advice via text message.

The accomplice mom drove from the family’s home on Boynton Avenue to the Bronx Hall of Justice on East 161st Street, court records claimed.

Once there, the cop mom and her son got out and approached the building while the dad hopped into the driver’s seat, the documents said.

“Be directly in Fromt [sic] When I

Robert Miller

POLICE BRASS 'CRIME' FAMILY

'drove getaway in son's gang shoot'

Leave," Chase Lackard texted his mom, according to the indictment.

'Has to be timed right'

"When? . . . You can't just sit directly outside. It has to be timed right," she allegedly told her son, advising him not to be directly outside of the Hall of Justice.

Chase Lackard went inside the building and came out wearing a mask, then hopped in the back of the Chrysler, and his mom followed and hopped in the passenger seat moments later, the indictment claimed.

The trio drove around before Chase Lackard fired off multiple rounds from his semiautomatic — with them then speeding off for a few blocks, where mom and dad again changed seats — and the alleged shooter changed clothes in the back, according to the records.

The mom and dad dropped him back off at home, the records said. Chase Lackard's girlfriend is also in cuffs after the deranged family affair, sources said — but her part in the incident wasn't mentioned in the indictment from Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark's office.

How Jennifer Lackard first caught on with the Mount Vernon PD wasn't immediately clear as she did not have on-the-job experience as a cop, but she was appointed to the deputy-commissioner role of the Wellness Unit in 2022.

At the time, she told News 12 that the precinct would respond to constituents suffering from mental-health issues without implementing traditional police tactics.

"A lot of the people we encounter are in a mental-health crisis. Some are combatant, some are really, really aggressive and some are not. And some are frequent flyers because they don't have support," Jennifer Lackard said.

By then, she had already worked for organizations focused on reentry programs for formerly incarcerated people, her social-media profile showed.

Family's troubled past

Her husband, James, had spent a decade in prison for conspiracy to distribute heroin in North Carolina and was released from federal custody in February 2020, according to prison records.

Her son started his gangbanging while she was on the job in the Westchester city — including a November 2024 incident where he pointed a loaded Glock 43 9mm at cops during a dispute, according to law-enforcement sources.

Chase Lackard was shot twice in the leg by police and was later charged with criminal use of a firearm and menacing a police officer in that incident, sources said.

Only a year earlier, her troubled son, then 17, was also shot in the chest on a Bx5 bus in Soundview after fighting with three other youths, cops said at the time.

Chase Lackard allegedly flashed gang signs at the boys and then asked for their gang affiliation before allegedly trying to drag one of them off the bus.

One of them then shot him in the chest.

Political aspects

Mount Vernon, a Democratic-stronghold city of just over 70,000 sharing a border with The Bronx, is known as a hot spot of scandal, bureaucratic dysfunction and corruption.

Though the city is in bucolic Westchester, it is an urban community blighted by pockets of poverty and crime.

Law-enforcement activist Damon Jones, publisher of a Mount Vernon-centric newspaper called Black Westchester Magazine, called the latest incident another embarrassment for the community — the only city in the county where black residents make up a majority of the population.

"I am embarrassed as a black law-enforcement officer to see the dysfunction in a city that has a black mayor, a majority of black city council, a majority black police department that we have to see continuing dysfunction and just foolery in an organization that should be so professional," Jones, a 33-year veteran of the Westchester County Department of Correction, told The Post.

Jennifer Lackard should have never been appointed to her leadership post, Jones railed, pointing out that her social-work background was insufficient to kick-start the Wellness Unit of the troubled police department.

"Unfortunately, we see this with Democrats that they put people in positions — especially in law-enforcement positions — that they shouldn't be there," said Jones.

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THE BATTLE FOR IRAN

We toll you no, Iran!

US rejects plan for voluntary ship fees

By CAITLIN DOORNBOS

WASHINGTON — Iran is pitching a new voluntary payment plan to help return regular traffic to the Strait of Hormuz, but the Trump administration has made clear it won't accept anything that looks like a toll on one of the world's busiest shipping lanes.

As US, Iranian and Omani negotiators move closer to an agreement to restore commercial traffic through the critical oil chokepoint, Tehran has proposed creating a fund financed by Persian Gulf states and some European members of the International Maritime Organization, The Telegraph reported on Tuesday.

The proposal would allegedly pay for navigation management, "environmental protection" and search-and-rescue operations after months of fighting disrupted shipping through the waterway.

But critics say it's just another way Iran wants to profit from the strait without providing real services.

The idea follows earlier reports that Iran wanted to collect "service fees" from vessels using the strait. Under the latest proposal, the payments would be voluntary contributions rather than mandatory tolls, which are illegal in the strait under international law.

But US officials are rejecting any arrangement that could be interpreted as recognizing Iranian control over international shipping.

"Any temporary routes will be without any impediments — meaning no approvals or permissions and no tolls or charges," a US official told The Post.

"The Strait of Hormuz is an international waterway and no party controls the lanes or the ability to transit through them."

Deal to reopen soon?

The news comes as Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said Tuesday the US believes a broader agreement to reopen the strait could be reached within days.

"We are in talks with the Iranians," Bessent said on CNBC's "Squawk Box." "There is a chance we may have a deal today or tomorrow to open the strait and move toward a more normalized position in this conflict."

The secretary's comments sent oil prices sliding, with crude dropping below $77 a barrel as traders bet the waterway could soon reopen.

Bessent predicted prices could fall even more once hundreds of ships stuck in the Persian Gulf for months finally get moving.

"It's not just energy. It's fertilizer, it's refined products, it is the various industrial gasses," he said. "We could see a big relief trade as those prices go down."

Secretary of State Marco Rubio also said negotiations mediated through Oman are making progress.

"There's a conversation and negotiation that we are involved in between Oman and Iran on how more ships can be able to go through there safely in the short term," Rubio said Tuesday.

"There's been progress made in those talks, but not finality yet."

Iran continues to insist it is negotiating only with Oman — not directly with Washington.

"Our negotiations are with Oman and are focused on reaching an understanding on a route that will ensure the safe passage of shipping through the Strait of Hormuz," Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei said on Monday.

However, there is concern among other Gulf countries that even a voluntary system could legitimize Tehran's long-term claims over an international waterway, a regional source told The Post.

The Strait of Hormuz normally carries roughly one-fifth of the world's seaborne oil, making it one of the planet's most important maritime choke points.

Original deal fell apart

The US and Iran signed a memorandum of understanding on June 17 that would have reopened the strait, but the tentative deal quickly fell apart over where ships would sail.

Iran wanted vessels to pass through its own waters, while the US insisted on open access throughout the international shipping route.

After the talks collapsed, Iran attacked tankers sailing near Oman's coast under US protection. The US answered with 13 consecutive days of airstrikes and reinstituted its naval blockade of Iran's ports.

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AP Photo/Luis M. Alvarez

THIS IDEA SINKS: President Trump, escorted to Air Force One Tuesday, said his negotiators will not accept a plan from Iran to reopen the Strait of Hormuz that involves tolls.

Water hackers linked to Iran

A notorious Iran-linked hacker group was likely behind the recent attacks on dozens of water systems across the US, and the shadowy cyber-soldiers may not be done with their assault, experts warned.

The self-proclaimed "Cyberav3ngers" group appeared to carry out the attacks which hit seven states in recent months, according to cybersecurity company Tenable, which told The Post the group began posting on the dark web about plans to hit the US within weeks of war breaking out with Iran.

"We listened or observed them kind of declaring that they were going to start targeting US Water infrastructure in North America," Tenable public sector chief technology officer Chris Day said. "We started tracking activity back in April, right around the beginning of the Iran war."

And the group has long-proclaimed itself to be closely tied to Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency also warning on July 22 that the Cyberav3ngers — and by proxy, Iran — were likely targeting US systems.

Those attacks resulted in the taking down of dozens of internet-connected water control systems — over 30 in Michigan alone — by hackers, who booted administrators and prevented water from being pumped into systems like water towers.

No significant disruptions or harm came from the attacks and order was quickly restored, but so far nobody has claimed credit for the attacks, which prompted experts to caution the assault may still be underway, especially since the Cyberav3ngers appeared to be the culprits.

Alex Oliveira

CARMINE AGNELLO
Mom's kidney donor.

New ask by Gotti's grandkid

John Gotti's grandson is begging a Brooklyn judge for more time before being hauled off to jail even after skipping the deadline to give ailing mom Victoria one of his kidneys because he says she's too sick.

Convicted COVID-fund scammer Carmine Agnello, 39, had promised the judge that he'd undergo the organ transplant by Monday if the jurist would push back his surrender date, originally Aug.10, to Sept. 18.

But the infamous former Gambino crime-family boss' grandkid told the court Tuesday the surgery was scuttled at the last minute because of his ailing 63-year-old mother's "serious infection requiring a battery of antibiotics."

"Mr. Agnello stands ready to provide the donation and simply awaits word of a greenlight of surgery," the scammer's lawyer wrote.

Agnello needs the judge's approval for the two-month pokey reprieve to stay in place. *Ben Kochman*

Private jet rentals soar

Bye-bye boarding lines.

The sharing of posh private jets among travelers has soared to record heights in the US as many residents are getting wealthier and turning up their noses at commercial flying.

While owning a plane is still impractical for many flyers — with prices for a new small jet starting around $14 million — an increasing number are willing to dish out a smaller fortune for a seat aboard a private or at least semi-private aircraft. *Ella Morrison*

MONTAUK YACHT DEATH LAWSUIT

Owner caused gal's death: fam

Dennis A. Clark

By BRANDON CRUZ
and MATT TROUTMAN

The family of a Big Apple fashion designer mysteriously found dead in a swanky Montauk yacht club plans to file a bombshell lawsuit accusing a well-heeled investor of causing her demise, The Post exclusively learned.

The $50 million wrongful death suit by Martha Nolan-O'Slatarra's family will be filed in Manhattan civil court, a filing Tuesday revealed — just one day before the anniversary of when the designer died on a boat docked in the club.

The family accuses the boat's owner Christopher Durnan — an insurance mogul who invested in Nolan-O'Slatarra swimwear fashion company East x East — of causing her death through assault, negligence and gross negligence.

The court filing effectively announcing the lawsuit doesn't detail specific accusations against Durnan, but contends in legalese he "intentionally and wrongfully assaulted" Nolan-O'Slatarra.

Durnan is also accused of gross negligence and reckless and wanton conduct.

The alleged assault and negligence caused Nolan-O'Slatarra's death either individually or in combination, the filing contends.

People heard screams

Police originally said they believed Nolan-O'Slatarra died of an accidental drug overdose, but sources close to the family confirmed an independent autopsy found she only had "trace amounts of cocaine" in her system.

Instead, the independent autopsy found some form of assault led to Nolan-O'Slatarra's death, sources said.

The accusations against Durnan add a new wrinkle to the still-murky circumstances behind Nolan-O'Slatarra's death on Aug. 5, 2025.

A native of Ireland, Nolan-O'Slatarra, 33, moved to New York City a decade ago and quickly adopted a glamorous, jet-setting lifestyle.

She staked out a career as a fashion designer, hoping to find a foothold in the affluent Hamptons.

Durnan entered Nolan-O'Slatarra's orbit and invested in her swimwear brand, owning a 13% stake.

The insurance-company owner was well-known in the area and owned a boat called the Ripple docked in the yacht club.

Nolan-O'Slatarra met with Durnan onboard the Ripple late Aug. 4, 2025, for a business meeting, according to New York magazine.

At one point, Nolan-O'Slatarra's boyfriend and friends became worried she wasn't answering any messages, with one hauntingly texting, "I'm sure her phone died. Or maybe she's dead."

The designer soon responded she was at the yacht club, but roughly an hour later she died, police said.

She was found unconscious on the docked Ripple after residents nearby reported hearing screams late at night.

They were greeted by the sight of a naked man — Durnan, according to New York mag — who threw sunscreen at other boats to wake up sleeping boaters.

"Do something!" the naked man screamed, good Samaritans later told The Post.

Bystanders tried to resuscitate the Irish beauty, but she was pronounced dead by first responders.

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Obtained by the NY Post

HARBOR HORROR: The family of Martha Nolan-O'Slatarra (above) plans to sue boat owner Christopher Durnan (left), claiming he caused her death last August while docked at a Montauk yacht club.

Whale of a show!

Coney Island humpback sighting

By KATHERINE DONLEVY

He's making a splash.

A majestic humpback whale lunged and breached off the coast of Coney Island this past weekend, marking the 500th member of the special species to be recorded frolicking in the city's waves since 2012.

The whale, deemed a new sighting based on its distinctive fluke, put on a spectacular show for onlookers to celebrate the milestone, which experts say is a clear indicator that the Big Apple's waters are growing cleaner and more stable for wildlife.

"It's really inspiring and amazing that New York City is offering these animals — that are finding challenging situations elsewhere — a place to thrive, that New York City, a place where we've associated with not very clean water and not with a vibrant ecosystem, is becoming a lifeline for 500 humpback whales that have been passing through our waters over the last decade or so," said Chris St. Lawrence of the advocacy group Gotham Whale to The Post.

Whales are identified by their tails, and the unique scarring on the fluke of the weekend mammal, dubbed "NYC0500," allowed the activists to add it to the New York City Humpback Whale Catalog as lucky No. 500.

The estimated 1-year-old humpback was first spotted frolicking around the Sail 4th 250 festivities in Sandy Hook, NJ, but it wasn't until July 28 that researchers got a clear glimpse of its rear tail and confirmed it was a new visitor.

And the news gets better: the juvenile whale appears to be healthy, thriving and hungry.

Fattening up

"We saw a small whale that was really intent on feeding. It was spending a lot of time below the surface, for the most part. But then we also saw some of those lunge feeds where it comes up out of the water," St. Lawrence said.

"These animals are here to put on weight, especially those juveniles. They're looking to … put on those fat layers so that if they want to, they can migrate back down south for the winter."

NYC0500's entry into the catalog is a sign that humpback whale populations have become a major part of the city's marine ecosystem.

The NYCHWC has been recording as many as 100 new whales in the New York Harbor and surrounding waterways since 2018, a significant surge from the 10 to 30 that were recorded annually when it was created in 2012.

It's also an indicator that Big Apple waters are growing increasingly cleaner, inviting bunker fish and other smaller fish to swim in the waves.

Warming oceans also mean that the city's waterways are becoming more hospitable for the massive creatures.

Endangered north right whales have been spotted swimming through the Port of New York and New Jersey in the past year, as well.

A pod of fin whales also soared near Brooklyn in June, inspiring Gotham Whale to start its second species catalog dedicated to the massive cetacean.

But the increase in marine life could mean higher instances of ship collisions, researchers warned, urging boaters to reduce speeds and keep clear of them.

The state Legislature unanimously passed the Whale Awareness Act, which directs New York agencies to develop marine mammal interaction prevention recommendations.

TALL TAIL: A humpback whale made a splash off the coast of Coney Island last weekend, making it the 500th member of the species spotted in the city's seas since 2012.

Jam Press/Chris St Lawrence/American Princess Cruises/Gotham Whale

Southwest subtracts 'plus' plan

Southwest Airlines has updated a controversial "Customer of Size" policy for plus-size travelers.

In the past, Southwest would allow plus-sized passengers who requested an extra seat two options: purchase a seat at the time of booking so it's ensured you'll get the spot, or ask for a complimentary seat once you arrive. Folks who purchased would later receive a refund if the flight was not entirely full.

However, in January, the Dallas-based company switched the policy and required those who needed the extra seat to purchase ahead of time and then had to pay any fees associated with the booking. Under the rule, that second seat would only be refundable if the flight is not fully booked and if both of the passenger's tickets are booked in the same fare class.

The customer would also need to request the refund within 90 days of the trip.

If the flight was fully booked, the passenger would then be rebooked onto a new flight.

The move was called a "witch hunt against fat people" by folks online after the policy was abruptly switched. *Aurielle Weiss*

Bare & rare steakhouse

Did somebody order the strip steak?

A Florida chophouse is now offering diners the opportunity to have a meal completely in the nude.

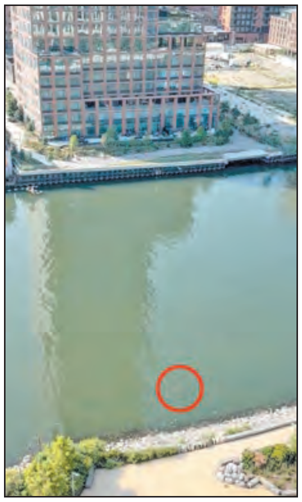
C.L.A.S.S. Soirée Steakhouse in Hollywood will be offering the au naturel gastronomic experience the first Monday of every month.

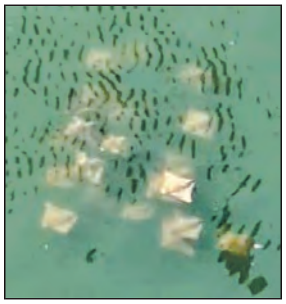
Chef Maurad Ali told the USA Today Network that he got the "special" idea for a stripped-down dinner after a nudist group rented out the restaurant and ate their meal in the buff.

"It's been very popular," Chef Ali said. "What we're doing is special."

David DeTurris

Hoo'ray' for toxic NYC creek





I SEA YOU! A group of rays (in online photos, above and left) seen swimming in the notoriously filthy Newtown Creek may signal cleanup efforts are paying off, observers say.

'Rays' of hope in Newtown Creek?

Yes, said some observers who called the sighting of a group of cownose rays splashing last weekend in the notoriously toxic waterway a sign of progress.

"I have not heard of anybody seeing rays in the creek before," Willis Elkins, executive director of Newtown Creek Alliance, told Gothamist.

"Most of the time, especially if it's a [group], they're coming because there's food," he said. "The whole group swimming as one was really awesome to witness."

The estuary, which runs between Brooklyn and Queens, has been called one of the most polluted industrial sites in the United States.

But since being named a federal Superfund site in 2010, cleanup efforts have been under way and are showing progress, creek-watchers say.

Oysters, clams, bass, moonfish, swans, egrets, robin and more have been seen in and along the creek in recent years. This year is a banner year for wildlife sightings, Elkins said.

"We saw some horseshoe crabs up in one of the tributaries where the water quality conditions are even worse than the mouth of the creek," he said.

He said eels were also seen in 2026. *Reda Wigle*

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‘Gobble garble’ in Wis. gov race

The socialist Democratic front-runner for her party’s nod in the Wisconsin governor’s race became visibly uncomfortable and served up a word salad when asked whether she still stands by her call to “cancel Thanksgiving” because it is “celebrating colonialism.”

“I’m a chef, and one of the first meals that I made that was for the community when I was 16 was a Thanksgiving meal,” Francesca Hong began her bizarre and rambling 46-second response Monday when asked point-blank by CNN’s Kaitlan Collins if she still thinks Thanksgiving should be scrapped.

“But Thanksgiving is also a time that’s incredibly painful for many people in our communities,” she continued, noting “views can evolve” and “the position I’m running for right now — and I think my background as a chef will actually help me become a better governor that’s able to bring more people to the table.”

At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Hong (inset) said the beloved holiday needs to be eliminated, and that America “should have done this in 1621.”

She added: “If it takes a worldwide pandemic for us to realize we should stop celebrating colonialism and the original super-spreader event that killed Indegenous [sic] folx [sic] and women, so be it.”

Besides bashing Thanksgiving, the socialist darling has ripped at least seven holidays in social media posts — also including Valentine’s Day, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, the Fourth of July, Halloween and Christmas.

In 2024, she shared mixed feelings about Mother’s Day.

“Today can be a beautiful day of celebration for some, and a difficult or melancholy day for others. Whatever mother’s day means to you, please be gentle with yourself and kind to others,” she wrote.

Chris Nesi

Bell trounces ex-Squad pol

GIVING CORI A REAL BUSH WHACK

JOHN JAMES
MICHIGAN

By VICTOR NAVA, ALLY GOELZ and RYAN KING

Cori Bush lost her bitter Democratic primary against incumbent Rep. Wesley Bell Tuesday, two years after the former “Squad” lawmaker vowed to take revenge against the pro-Israel group that contributed to her political downfall.

The race in Missouri’s deep-blue 1st Congressional District was a rematch of the 2024 contest, which saw the Democratic socialist Bush ousted by Bell, a moderate St. Louis County prosecutor backed by nearly $9 million from the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and its aligned super PACs.

Bush had hoped to ride the wave of anti-Israel sentiment that has propelled several far-left Democrats this cycle back to her old House seat.

The 50-year-old former Black Lives Matter organizer came up dramatically short, losing to Bell 60%-37% with about 95% of the ballots counted.

Bell, who was buoyed by about $3.1 million in AIPAC spending this go-around, had been forced to defend the group’s support for his re-election amid accusations from Bush that he was “bought.”

“What they focus on is a strong US-Israeli relationship,” Bell told the Missouri Independent. “I’ll be honest, I’m not a fan of the current [Israel] prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, not a fan at all, but what I know about that group is that no matter who’s in charge, they’re going to support a strong US-Israeli relationship.”

In a wild rant after her 2024 loss, Bush declared that she had been radicalized by her defeat and vowed revenge.

“Pulling me away from my position as congresswoman — all you did was take some of the

in Missouri House Dem primary

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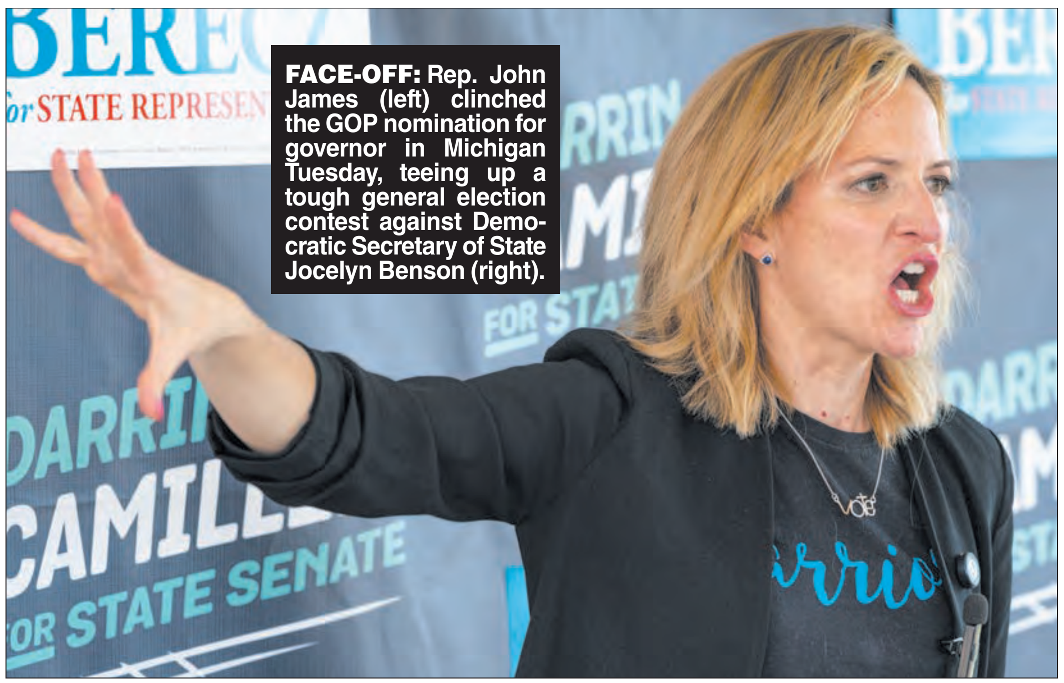

FACE-OFF: Rep. John James (left) clinched the GOP nomination for governor in Michigan Tuesday, teeing up a tough general election contest against Democratic Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson (right).

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NOT AGAIN: In a Missouri ballot rematch, Rep. Wesley Bell (near left) once again defeated Cori Bush (left) — the former "Squad" rep he ousted in 2024.

AP Photo/Michael Thomas

strings off," she said in her concession speech.

"Let's be clear. Let's be clear. Let's be clear. Let's be clear. Let's be clear. Let's be clear. Let's be clear," Bush shouted into the mic. "Let's talk about what it really is. As much as I love my job, all they did was radicalize me — and so now they need to be afraid."

"Let me say this, AIPAC, I'm coming to tear your kingdom down," she added.

Meanwhile, in Michigan, where several races were too close to call late Tuesday, self-described socialist William Lawrence won the Democratic nomination in the 7th Congressional District, defeating two more moderate rivals.

The Bernie Sanders-endorsed activist beat former US Ambassador to Ukraine Bridget Brink and former Navy SEAL Matt Maasdam. Lawrence led the three-way contest with 43% of the vote, followed by Brink at 29% and Maasdam at 28% with more than half of the vote counted.

Lawrence expressed support for "Medicare for all," cutting off arms sales to Israel and implementing a federal moratorium on new AI data centers.

Rep. John James clinched the Republican nomination for Michigan governor, teeing up a tough general election contest against Democratic Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson.

James, backed by President Trump, overcame a primary challenge from businessman Perry Johnson, who made a long-shot bid for the Republican presidential nomination in 2024.

James, a two-time Senate candidate who has repped parts of suburban Detroit since 2023, led 51% to 36% with about two-thirds of the ballots counted.

Elsewhere on Tuesday night, Missouri voters overwhelmingly rejected a ballot measure backed by GOP Gov. Mike Kehoe that would have abolished state income taxes.

In Maryland, the Democratic-controlled legislature earlier Tuesday passed a measure that will put the question of redrawing congressional lines to voters in November.

If the constitutional amendment on redistricting passes, it could potentially give Democrats another seat in the House of Representatives.

You animal, you!

'CRUELTY': Ohio Rep. Max Miller, accused by ex-wife Emily of abuse, allegedly took his crying daughter's beloved stuffed blue bunny and held it "hostage," says his ex- father-in-law, Ohio Sen. Bernie Moreno (bottom).

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Pol held daughter's toy 'hostage'

By GEORGIA WORRELL
and JOSH CHRISTENSON

Embattled Rep. Max Miller kept his young daughter's beloved stuffed animal "hostage" for two days last week, his ex-father-in-law Sen. Bernie Moreno claimed Tuesday, saying the congressman displayed "total and complete depravity" through his behavior.

Moreno (R-Ohio), who on Sunday publicly called for Miller (R-Ohio) to resign from Congress over his allegedly abusive behavior toward ex-wife Emily Moreno and the couple's 2-year-old child, added that his family has been stuck in "the seventh level of hell" over Miller's conduct.

"I had to go pick [the girl] up, because I don't want my daughter interacting with this man, so I go to meet him at the Bay Village Police Station . . . because I don't know what this guy is capable of, " said Moreno, referring to the Cleveland suburb where they live.

His granddaughter, Moreno went on, "has a little blue bunny that she sleeps with — [but] Max would not hand over the little blue bunny — literally held it hostage for 48 hours.

Crying at night

"This girl is crying at night because she can't sleep without her little blue bunny, and his answer is: 'I'm just not going to give it to you,'" said Moreno, who added that Miller finally handed over the toy Sunday — the same day a shirtless photo of the girl was included in a trove of digital files compiled by Miller's attorney and released by the lawmaker in a bid to clear his name.

"Now you have hundreds of thousands of psychotic human beings that have that," Moreno complained of the photo.

"And to say, 'Oops' — that is grotesque," he continued. "Every single human being that touched that photo and transmitted it electronically should go to jail, because it is illegal to do that."

"This has been brutal beyond comprehension, and if there's any minimum standard for being an elected official . . . he fails to meet that minimum basic standard," Moreno said of Miller.

"My daughter lives in constant fear of this man . . . deeply in her heart, she fears what this guy is capable of. You can't fathom what that makes me feel like, when a dad's number one job is to protect your kids," he added.

Miller and Emily are locked in a bitter custody battle over the tot after he filed for divorce in August 2024. The 37-year-old congressman also sued his ex in May for defamation over her abuse allegations.

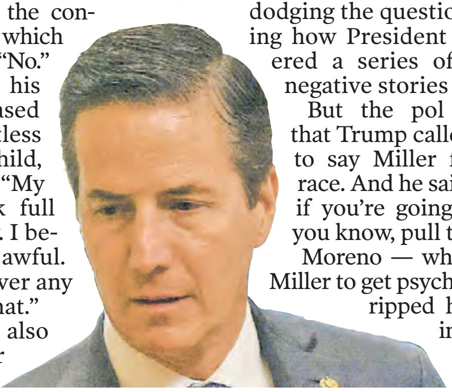
In an interview with CNN's Jake Tapper Tuesday, Miller again denied all allegations of physical and emotional abuse against his daughter before accusing his ex-father-in-law of being "politically vindictive in talking about a blue bunny."

Shirtless pic 'awful'

"Did you hold this doll hostage?" Tapper asked the congressman, to which he responded, "No."

Asked why his attorney released the shirtless photo of his child, Miller said, "My attorney took full responsibility. I believe that it's awful. There was never any intent to do that."

Tapper also pressed Miller on accusations from three women — including former White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham — about his violent behavior.



"Are all three of them lying?" the CNN anchor asked.

"Yes, it's very easy, and I can tell you why," Miller answered before dodging the question and recounting how President Trump weathered a series of scandals and negative stories in 2016.

But the pol acknowledged that Trump called him Monday to say Miller faced "a tough race. And he said, 'I don't know if you're going to be able to, you know, pull this one out.'"

Moreno — who has called on Miller to get psychological help — ripped his former son-in-law for embarking on "a publicity tour."

Blanche OK'd by Senate panel

WASHINGTON — A Senate committee advanced acting Attorney General Todd Blanche's nomination on Tuesday after Republican holdouts were satisfied that a nearly $1.8 billion Justice Department fund wouldn't be resurrected to provide payouts to pardoned January 6th rioters or other victims of prosecution under the Biden administration.

The Senate Judiciary Committee voted 12-10 along party lines to send Blanche's confirmation to a full chamber vote.

Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) could schedule it as soon as this week before the chamber recesses until Sept. 14.

Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), the chairman of the committee, said before the vote that concerns from Sens. John Cornyn (R-Texas) and Thom Tillis (R-NC) about the Anti-Weaponization Fund "were shared by many — including this senator."

"My vote to advance Mr. Blanche's nomination goes beyond this document: We need a stabilizing force at the Department of Justice," said Cornyn. "And Mr. Blanche deserves the opportunity to provide that."

"As our nation's top law enforcement officer, President Trump needs someone in this role as well with a strong legal mind, but who also is close enough to him to give him confidential legal advice, to tell him hard truths," the Texas Republican charged.

"What I hope I see out of him is a bending of the curve of this absurdity," Tillis added of Blanche's expected ascent.

Blanche formally rescinded that $1.776 billion fund on Sunday, stating it "shall have no force or effect."

Josh Christenson

Mullin's the man for Homeland: WH

WASHINGTON — The White House is standing by Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin despite concerns from top MAGA influencers over whether he's tough enough on illegal immigration.

Mullin has been a "problem from the beginning," Steve Bannon told The Post, adding the country "needed action" on immigration crackdowns, particularly ahead of the November election that will decide control of Congress.

"Ninety days to go to elections when immigration enforcement, the border, are still the issue that wins for us, the signature issue of President Trump," he said. "This is a base election, and the base needs to turn out."

Democrats only need a net gain of four seats to win control of the House and four to take the Senate. Their odds are best in the House, where several Republican lawmakers are in swing districts and vulnerable.

The White House, however, is standing by their head of Homeland Security.

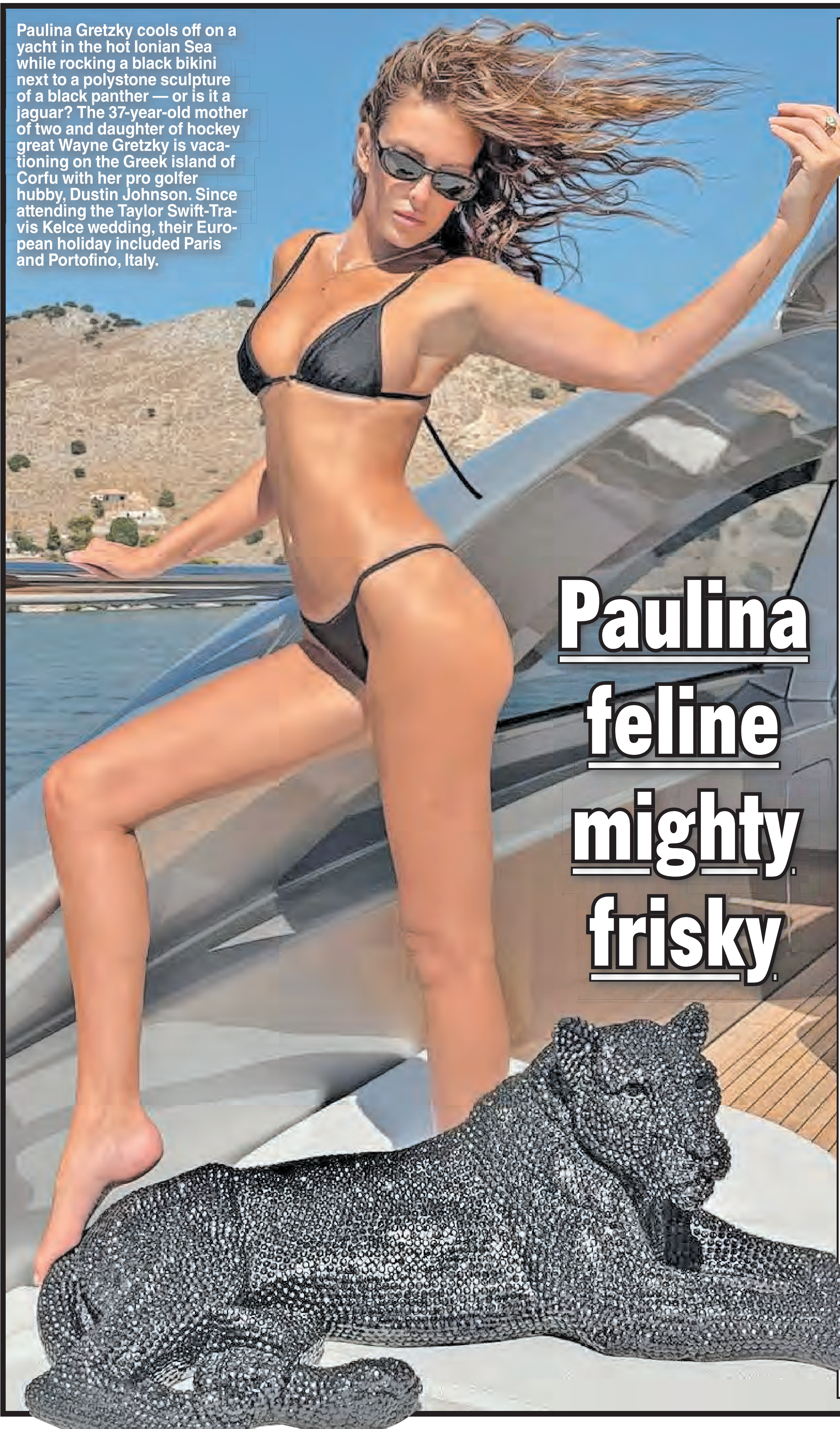
"The president has confidence in Secretary Mullin and his entire administration to carry out the agenda the American people voted for," spokeswoman Abigail Jackson told The Post.

And Trump allies argued to The Post the person the MAGA base listens to is Trump, not influencers.

Still, the voices on the right are growing louder in their complaints about Mullin. Laura Loomer called for him to be fired, writing on X that "he has done absolutely nothing to increase the rate of mass deportations."

Emily Goodin

Instagram/ Paulina Gretzky



Paulina feline mighty frisky

Paulina Gretzky cools off on a yacht in the hot Ionian Sea while rocking a black bikini next to a polystone sculpture of a black panther — or is it a jaguar? The 37-year-old mother of two and daughter of hockey great Wayne Gretzky is vacationing on the Greek island of Corfu with her pro golfer hubby, Dustin Johnson. Since attending the Taylor Swift-Travis Kelce wedding, their European holiday included Paris and Portofino, Italy.

TEST DUMB DOWN

It's AP-iece o'cake

By ALEX OLIVEIRA

In 2021, just 17% of high school students taking the Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition test earned top marks on the exam. Four years later, that number ballooned to more than 43%.

The major markup on grades for the AP English Lit test — one of the College Board's most popular college credit exams — is part of a dramatic rise in passing rates, prompting criticism that the tests are being watered down, and not actually preparing students for higher ed.

College professors have increasingly been sounding the alarm that shocking portions of students are arriving unable to do even middle school math or write a sentence.

Students earning a 5 on AP tests — the top score — rose 61% on average across nine central subjects from 2021 to 2025.

Those earning at least a 4 — which many colleges require to receive credit for the course — increased by 63%, figures from the College Board showed, according to an assessment of the numbers by Education Next.

Those increases come despite national standardized test scores dropping for years — with the 2025 National Assessment of Educational Progress results showing a record-low 35% of 12th-graders were proficient at reading, while only 22% could handle basic math.

High school AP classes have historically been one of students' best opportunities to cut through competition and show top colleges they're ready for their workload.

Making the grade on AP tests can also save incoming students thousands by allowing them to skip entry-level college courses.

'Implausible'

But critics are beginning to question whether the AP tests are actually sufficiently preparing kids.

"All other national tests have been in slow decline for the last decade," said Daniel Buck, a research fellow at the right-leaning American Enterprise Institute.

"So the fact that AP scores jumped almost overnight seems an implausible explanation."

In addition to the English lit test's huge jump, US Government and Politics saw similar increases of 4 and 5 scores — 23.6% in 2021, then 48.5% in 2025 — as did US History, which saw 26% of takers earn top marks in 2021 compared to 50.4% in 2025, according to Education Next.

College Board denied claims that it had inflated any scores.

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‘Better to shelve’ city-run groceries

By CRAIG McCARTHY
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Mayor Mamdani’s plan for five city-owned grocery stores has a shockingly bad business model, industry insiders argue, citing the administration’s newly released “request for proposals.”

The socialist mayor has long touted his plan to bring New Yorkers cheaper goods by opening a “publicly funded, privately operated” supermarket in each borough.

But the New York City Economic Development Corporation’s 44-page RFP released last week — seeking contracting bids from vendors to run the groceries — reveal the “ridiculous idea” will only lead to “crappy” stores, Chicago restaurateur Nick Kokonas claimed.

“We have an efficient system ... just change the outcomes,” Kokonas said in an X thread Monday blasting the city’s plan.

While the RFP states that bidders who “seek to run all five (5) sites” are preferred, so far only two of the locations — in Manhattan and The Bronx — have actually been identified by City Hall, Kokonas noted.

“Bidders are supposed to price unknown stores in unknown neighborhoods by assuming they’re ‘about 15,000 sq ft.’ Absurd,” Kokonas posted in the thread, which quickly went viral.

The RFP also notes the city paying for “the design and fit out of sites” — while the responsibility for the upkeep of the stores will fall in the laps of the operators.

“So NYC makes the capital decisions while someone else pays for the consequences,” said the businessman.

City Hall recently confirmed ID will not be required to shop — meaning anyone, regardless of income or residency, can purchase taxpayer-subsidized groceries.

“No means test. Anyone can shop there. So taxpayers will subsidize groceries for affluent shoppers who happen to live nearby, while needy families elsewhere get zero,” Kokonas said.

Other industry insiders were also befuddled by the RFP.

“None of the metrics fit in my experience,” Andy Arons, ex-owner of Gourmet Garage, told The Post on Tuesday. “They would be so much better by increasing SNAP benefits for those who need it.”

The mayor’s office and the EDC did not respond to requests for comment. Kokonas couldn’t immediately be reached.

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HIT TO TAXPAYERS: Gov. Hochul, Mayor Mamdani and Schools Chancellor Kamar Samuels tout their universal “free” childcare plans Tuesday at a Bronx preschool.

NY Post: Robert Miller

Kat, Mam blithely ignoring

By HANNAH FIERICK and CHRIS NESI

How much? Who cares!

Mayor Mamdani on Tuesday shrugged off a shocking study that found his free childcare plan will cost taxpayers billions more than anticipated — as he and Gov. Hochul touted the popularity of their 2-K pilot program.

Mamdani and Hochul announced offers had been made to fill the 2,000 available seats, out of more than 7,500 families who applied for the first-of-its-kind free preschool program for 2-year-olds launching this fall in select neighborhoods.

But the joint press conference, at Bed-Rock Preschool in The Bronx, came a day after the nonpartisan Center for New York City Affairs found that growing universal childcare to cover all city kids from 6 weeks old to 5 years old — as Mamdani has promised — would cost $9 billion annually.

That’s a far cry from the $6 billion Mamdani advertised for the initiative, according to the study, which said ramping up childcare would require adding some 10,000 seats and hiring some 23,000 workers.

Neither Mamdani nor Hochul seemed particularly concerned with the reported cost overrun, nor with explaining how the massive gap would be closed other than levying additional taxes on the wealthy, the mayoral administration’s go-to piggy bank thus far.

Oblique response

Asked about the study, Hizzoner touted the “partnership” with Hochul, reminiscing about the governor allocating an extra $1.2 billion in state funding to fuel the 2-K pilot and build up existing free pre-K and 3-K programs.

After recapping the particulars of the initiatives and sharing an anecdote about parents being forced to travel miles from their home to find childcare, Mamdani finally offered an oblique answer.

“And what I mean by that is that today we have families across the city spending, as the governor said, between $20-to-$40,000 a year to raise their child in the nation’s most expensive city. And this is an initiative that we are working on not just for the short term, for the medium term, but the long term to make it easier to raise that family here in New York City,” he said.

Hochul, meanwhile, downplayed the report, pledging an “independent verification” would be performed to determine the actual costs required, and dismissing the “outside study” as “not how we operate.”

After acknowledging she didn’t know the total cost of Mamdani’s universal childcare proposal, Hochul gushed that she was “excited” about the growth of the 2-K program in its early days.

“This is just the beginning,” she said — even as she admitted the state was only committed to helping foot the bill for 2-K through 2027, when the pilot will grow to 12,000 seats at a cost of $425 million.

Asked if the city was partnering with the state on the independent cost analysis mentioned by Hochul, Mamdani again bobbed and weaved his way through a response.

“I think, as you heard from the gover-

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nor, it’s only right that we do an independent analysis and ensure we commit our full capacity to assessing the cost and scaling,” he said. “I will tell you that our focus right now is on delivering this free childcare to families of 2-year-olds across our city. We’re excited that in just a short time, families will start benefiting from this. It’s going to scale up to 12,000 seats, and we’re going to continue doing the work to ensure it expands so every family can access free childcare for 2-year-olds.”

Mamdani and Hochul said each free 2-K seat, offered across five mostly lower-income and diverse neighborhoods, would save families an average of $26,000.

The city forked over $73 million for the pilot working out to a whopping $36,500 per child — roughly $13,000 more than the average cost of private childcare, city officials have acknowledged.

Among the families who received an initial offer, 99% of all offers were to a program listed on the family’s application; 82% were matched with one of their top three choices; and more than half got their first choice.

CHARLES GASPARINO

NY biz should *not* play nice with mayor

MAYOR MAMDANI to the business community: “Drop Dead.”

And the business community is falling to the floor and rolling over.

In his latest absurd and counterproductive attack against the city business community, Mamdani has banished executives from a fundraising advisory board to finance various charities.

Yep, that’s as dumb as it sounds. These people had good ties to the business community, and helped raise money for first responders, schoolchildren and other causes.

But we can’t have those evil capitalists in the Mamdani government, so they’ll likely be replaced by union representatives.

And if the new board raises less money from Wall Street for charity? Mamdani doesn’t care; he’d rather tax them anyway.

Arrogance

What I find most fascinating about this is that Mamdani believes he can get away with it — and he’s right.

Despite rumblings about looking to relocate to Texas and Florida, the business community hasn’t fought back against his constant attacks by picking up and leaving.

My sources say banks, asset managers, law firms and the like might make some out-of-state moves, but they are largely staying put, hoping Mamdani and his socialism is eventually voted out of office.

“Most big businesses here are just sucking it up and staying,” one C-suite executive at a major Wall Street firm told me. “And nothing is changing.”

Consider: Ken Griffin was an early target of Mamdani’s class-warfare wrath with a tasteless and dangerous video posing in front of the Citadel chief’s pied-à-terre in Midtown.

Citadel is headquartered in Miami, and Griffin rightly took offense to the stunt and had threatened to cut back on Citadel’s planned Manhattan expansion into a new office tower on Park Avenue.

But the New York project will be completed and the expansion is largely intact, I am told. Steven Roth, CEO of Vornado Realty Trust, Citadel’s partner, gushed Tuesday about the skyscraper’s potential in the land of Mamdani, referring to Griffin “as our 60% partner, and Citadel as our 1 million-square-foot anchor tenant.

“We are extremely excited and bullish about the potential returns from this project,” Roth added.

Apollo not leaving

Meanwhile, Apollo Global is now in the process of setting up what has been described as a second headquarters in low-cost Austin, Texas. But my sources at the big asset management firm say it’s not looking to relocate from NYC; Mamdani’s city remains its official headquarters.

JPMorgan, the nation’s biggest bank, now employs more people in Texas than Gotham. But CEO Jamie Dimon, who has met with Mamdani and understands his lefty modus operandi, isn’t planning any big moves either. In fact, after their sit-down at JPM’s swanky new global headquarters on Park Avenue, Dimon vowed to work with our Marxist mayor, handing him a book on public-private partnerships.

Officials at the Partnership for NYC, including its chief, Steven Fulop, are rightly incensed by the mayor’s attacks on business — the very people who pay most of the bills in this ever-increasing welfare state. When I mentioned that businesses are not fighting back by leaving, he sent me a list of those who had completely left for Texas since 2015. It’s both shockingly short and devoid of any big names that have the power to put a dent in the fiscal side of Mamdani’s socialist plans.

Will business ever wake up that they’re feeding the monster who wants to devour them?

Donor panel boot

Mayor Mamdani has axed the advisers of a major nonprofit that channels private sector donations to fund city initiatives in his latest hostile act toward New York business leaders.

Hizzoner thanked the dismissed advisory board members of the Mayor’s Fund to Advance New York City for their service in a letter obtained by Bloomberg News.

The fund also said in an email its entire board would be disbanded — for the first time in at least three mayoral administrations.

“I commend you for your dedication and the benefit you have brought to our City as you conclude your tenure,” Mamdani’s letter read.

The mayor’s office said it would be replacing the board members later this year.

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OK to speed up 'insanity' trial

KILLER MOMMY'S GO-AHEAD

AP

HORRIFIC: Lindsay Clancy in Boston-area court Tuesday isn't denying she killed her three children and told the judge she will not challenge evidence to that fact.

By PRISCILLA DeGREGORY

Lindsay Clancy spoke out in court Tuesday for the first time since the disturbing murder trial accusing her of strangling her three young kids began over a week ago.

The 35-year-old Boston-area mom answered a series of questions from Judge Williams Sullivan before the jury was brought in for the day. She agreed not to contest certain pieces of evidence order to speed up the grueling trial.

Clancy "stipulated" with prosecutors about facts tied to DNA, blood, the exercise bands she used to kill the kids and the chain of custody of that evidence, her lawyer Kevin Reddington said.

"You agree that the commonwealth doesn't have to prove the facts that are in the stipulation?" Sullivan asked.

"Yes, Your Honor," Clancy said, nodding her head.

"You are basically relieving the commonwealth of its burden to prove certain facts. Is that what you want to do?" the judge asked.

"Yes, Your Honor," Clancy said again.

Clancy — who wore a pink short-sleeve blouse and a headband — answered numerous other similar questions from the judge. While she has been seen throughout the case leaning over and speaking to Reddington, it was the first time she spoke on the record in court since the Plymouth, Mass., trial kicked off last week.

After, Reddington said "we have not contested the government's case" in order to avoid them "having to bring in dozens of witnesses to prove chain of custody of bloods, fluids and all of that."

'Postpartum' defense

The defense attorney has previously said Clancy wouldn't contest at trial that she killed her children and would instead ask the jury to find her not guilty by reason of insanity on the grounds she was suffering from severe postpartum psychosis, partly caused by being misdiagnosed and overmedicated.

However, Reddington appeared to grow frustrated throughout the day Tuesday after prosecutors continued to call witnesses to testify about facts he said Clancy already agreed to.

And he objected to at least one of the witnesses, but Sullivan allowed the testimony to continue, finding it provided the jury with context.

Clancy — a former labor and delivery nurse — killed Cora, 5, Dawson, 3, and 8-month-old Callan on Jan. 24, 2023, and then immediately after slit her wrists and neck and threw herself out of a second-story window of her home.

The jump caused her to rupture her spine and she is now partially paralyzed.

She has been appearing in court in a wheelchair.

In the four months leading up to the killings, Clancy had seen five doctors for postpartum and had been prescribed 15 drugs. She also landed in the hospital twice for suicidal thoughts during that time, according to testimony.

She was on six psychiatric medications at the time of the murders, jurors learned from testimony and evidence.

Armed bust near Don's Calif. visit

An armed man, said to be creeping around and monitoring "security-planning activities," was arrested Sunday with a pistol and ammunition outside Trump National Golf Course Los Angeles — just two days before the president's visit to the very same location.

Jeanine John Taele, 38, from Downey, Calif., was taken into custody outside the Rancho Palos Verdes site by sheriff's deputies after federal agents first spotted him lurking in the area, taking photos and videos, and monitoring security-planning activities, law enforcement said.

When deputies assigned to the Lomita Sheriff's Station first made contact with Taele, they determined he was being investigated for a 2025 robbery by the El Segundo Police Department. He was then detained.

During a pat-down, deputies recovered a 16-round magazine containing hollow-point ammunition from Taele's pants pocket, according to a release from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

A subsequent search of his vehicle in the golf course parking lot revealed a loaded pistol with a round chambered, along with an additional loaded magazine with hollow-point rounds.

Taele was arrested for carrying a concealed firearm and possession of prohibited ammunition.

Taele entered a not guilty plea, and bail was set at $250,000.

Nina Joudeh and Jeremy Louwerse

In-Out slayer lost 'bravado'

A hero civilian said the "bravado" of a rifle-wielding gunman who killed two people at an Idaho In-N-Out Burger "immediately crumbled" after he started firing back with his pistol.

Jordan Salinas, 35, told ABC News that he noticed Chad Williams, 24, aiming his rifle at passing vehicles outside the Twin Falls fast food chain on Saturday when he decided to leap into action.

Salinas said Williams appeared calm as he aimed at cars — but his confidence quickly faded when he realized he was also in the line of fire.

"As soon as some rounds started coming at him . . . all that bravado he had immediately crumbled," Salinas said. *Zoe Hussain*

Nut's threat to Wells witnesses

A deranged Illinois man threatened to kill two witnesses involved in the investigation into the death of student-athlete Nolan Wells — vowing to butcher one of their bodies and stuff it in a suitcase, court documents allege.

In a series of calls and text messages Friday, Edward Porter, from Berwyn, allegedly told one witness that he knew their Mississippi address and would murder their family, court documents obtained by the Biloxi Sun Herald charged.

He allegedly threatened the lives of a second witness' family and "any cops" who responded.

Porter told the witness that he was "going to cut [them] up and put [them] into a suitcase," according to the court docs.

Neither witness has been identified.

Porter is the third person to be charged over alleged threats to witnesses in the case. *Chris Bradford*

$786M Powerball prize

Who wants to be a multi-multi-millionaire?

The Powerball jackpot has swelled to become one of the top 10 largest lottery prizes in the history of the game — with the next winner set to scoop more than three-quarters of a billion dollars.

Wednesday's jackpot is estimated at $786 million, with a cash value of $341.6 million.

It is the largest Powerball jackpot this year, and the biggest since December's $1.817 billion prize.

That winning ticket, scooped by Tracy Hartwick of Cabot, Ark., on Christmas Eve 2025, was the game's second-largest jackpot. *Anthony Blair*

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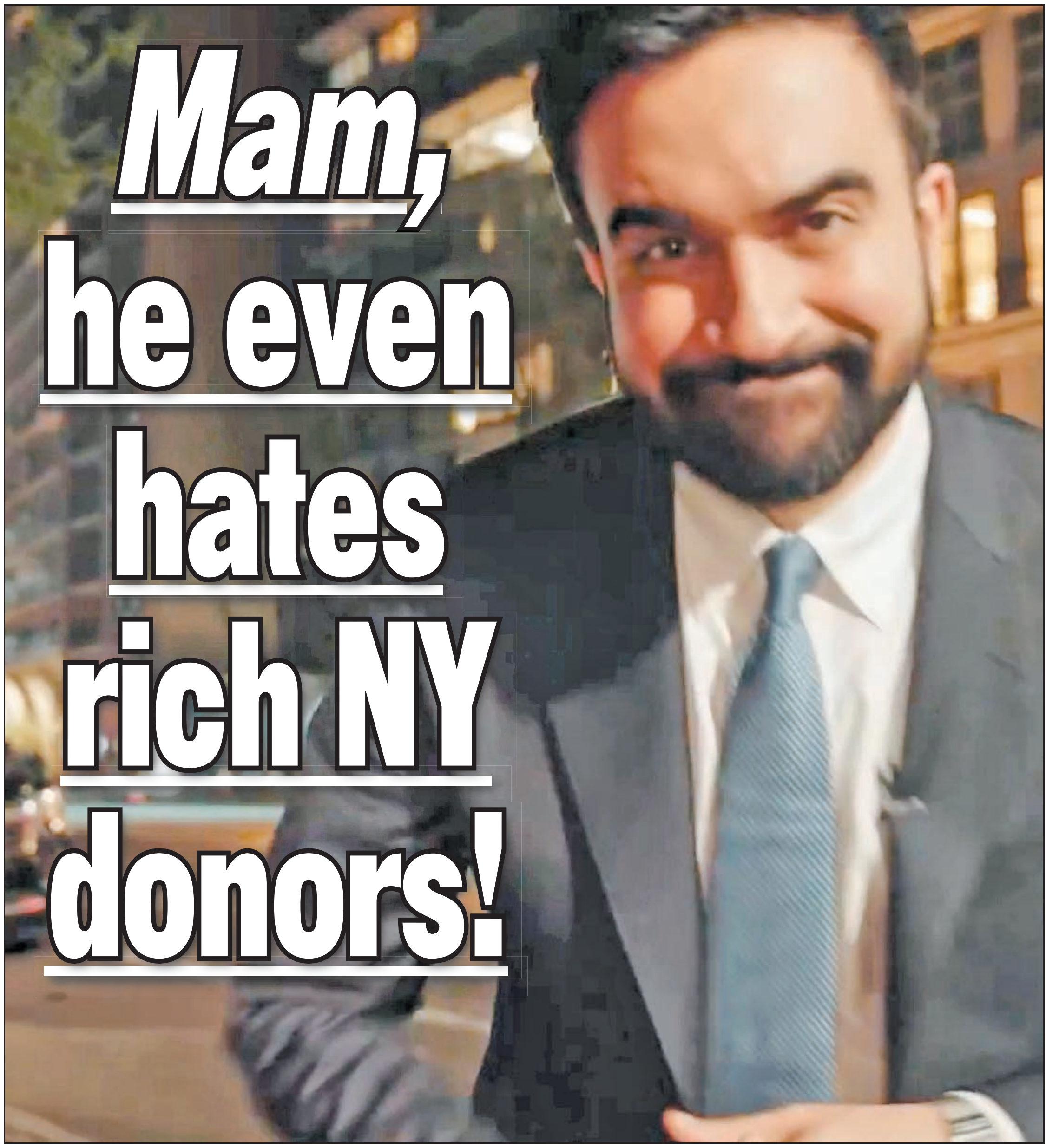
Mam, he even hates rich NY donors!



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LET it never be said that Zohran Mamdani loves New York. He doesn't even like it.

The latest evidence is the mayor's brutal firing of the entire advisory board of the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City.

The members' sins were to be a collection of do-gooders and philanthropists who devoted time and money to boosting and improving Gotham. Silly them.

If they wanted the mayor's love and support, they should have been loony socialists who aim to burn down the city rather than build it up.

Or maybe the board should have set up homeless encampments in Midtown, in which case the members would get City Hall's love and sympathy.

Instead, the board members, who are successful in their fields and generously shared their time and fortunes were sent packing in an icy notice.

"I commend you for your dedication and the benefit you have brought to our City as you conclude your tenure on the Mayor's Fund Board of Advisors," Mamdani's letter said.

Donated their time

Board members served without compensation and used their connections to business and cultural institutions. In addition to making and soliciting contributions, the board, working with paid staff professionals, helped to steer private money to government programs and private initiatives.

As such, the fund effectively acted as the city's not-for-profit arm.

In recent years it worked with nearly 50 city agencies, including those focused on needy children and housing for poor families. It also helped fund private ventures in those and other critical areas.

The board members who got their walking papers included Richard Born of BD Hotels; Jeffrey Gural, chairman of GFP Real Estate; Alex Katz, senior managing director at Blackstone Inc.; Edward Skyler, Citigroup Inc. head of enterprise services and and a former deputy mayor under Michael Bloomberg; and James Whelan, head of the Real Estate Board of New York.

The fund has raised millions annually from the business leaders and corporations Mamdani loves to hate.

His war on wealth is as foolish as it is frightening. He has effectively declared that successful people and companies are the enemies of his leftist utopia.

All he wants from them is their money so he can fund his ever-expanding list of free-this and free-that.

His tax-the-rich scheme borders on a sick obsession, and includes his pied-à-terre tax on second homes worth $5 million or more, which Gov. Hochul foolishly shepherded through the Legislature.

The tax reflects the mayor's penchant for class warfare, with an amateurish rollout that is sloppy and shameless.

Similarly, it is impossible to escape the conclusion that the ousted board members ran afoul of City Hall largely for reasons of race and class. As top Mamdani aide Dora Pekec said in a sketchy defense, "In January, our city entered a new era — one that demands our city government reflect our communities.

"The building of a new Mayor's Fund, built on the ethos of putting those directly impacted in the rooms where decisions are made, is a continuation of that work."

Oh, please, spare us the warmth-of-collectivism crap about "reflecting our communities."

Leftist gibberish

She also threw in gibberish about how "reimagining how philanthropy can augment, but not replace, public dollars and public goods," and said a new board would be named "later this year."

It is the new left's conceit that society is eager for them to destroy or reinvent every institution and custom that have made America the envy of the world.

So far, the reds are taking the attitude that to improve the city, they'll have to destroy it first. In the case at hand, all the mayor is promising is a new board "later this year."

In plain English, the nonprofit fund is on the slow track to nowhere and its critical work will be sidelined for at least this year.

The arrogance and ignorance are breathtaking. The claim that a cadre of anti-Americans can "reimagine philanthropy" by putting in charge the people who need the kind of help the organization has been providing is straight out of all-night college BS sessions.

If that's their big idea, why not have the inmates run the prisons, patients run the hospitals and children run the schools?

Oops, I didn't mean to give them any dumb ideas. They have enough of their own.

The move against the fund is the latest in Mamdani's quest to fashion a government that would make his comrades proud, including the antisemites who have found a home in his movement.

Recall that last month, when he announced an 18-person committee to advise him on judicial nominations, the mayor boasted the panel reflected the city it served.

Except, of course, Jews, because none made the cut. There are about 1 million Jews in the five boroughs and many are prominent in top legal circles.

A group of Jewish lawyers called the Brandeis Association wrote to Mamdani in protest, with the letter also signed by leaders of numerous Jewish legal groups in the city.

"Not a single Jewish attorney, former judge, or legal professional was appointed to a committee your administration described as one that would be 'truly reflective of New York City,' " they wrote, The New York Times reported.

It also said Matthew Kluger, head of the Jewish Bar Association in The Bronx, wrote that, "To have no Jews on the committee that's selecting New York City judges is pretty remarkable," adding Mamdani isn't interested "in hearing from the voices of Jewish lawyers and judges, in terms of picking judges. It's pretty clear."

Obsession with Bibi

The one Jew Mamdani is obsessed with is Benjamin Netanyahu. He made that obvious again last month in a video where he called the Israeli prime minister "a war criminal" and "the architect of a horrific genocide against the Palestinian people."

The ostensible purpose was to announce that he lacked the authority to carry out his promise to have the NYPD arrest Netanyahu if the PM comes to New York.

The lack of authority had been obvious, but the virulent video was an attempt to placate the Jew haters among his followers.

Mamdani's scorn for New York's history has led at least 66,000 people to sign a change.org petition urging to him stay away from next month's 25th anniversary of the horrors of 9/11. The signers include many families who lost loved ones that day.

Some say his attendance would amount to desecration, but the mayor insists he will attend. Just 9 years old at the time of the attack, he has said "we will never forget the solemn day felt by all of us who call this city home and, frankly, all of us who call this country home."

Trendy industry skirts ‘MEDICAL’ SPAS A SHOT IN THE DARK

By KYRA BRESLIN

On July 20, 27-year-old Elizabeth Baron arrived at the Bereshit Lifestyle Center in The Bronx for an NAD+ IV injection.

The anti-aging molecule has become a highly sought-after treatment. The legal — but not FDA-approved — therapy has been touted by celebrities like Hailey Bieber and Kendall Jenner for its ability to repair DNA, increase energy and boost metabolism.

The Riverdale clinic was run by Luis Rojas Cabrera, a man who held a doctor’s license in the Dominican Republic but not in New York, he allegedly admitted in the aftermath of the tragedy.

While receiving her IV treatment, Baron went into cardiac arrest. She was rushed to the hospital, and was pronounced dead shortly after.

Her death has shone a light on the booming medical spa industry — where clients can book lunchtime body-contouring treatments, discounted injectables with hard-to-pronounce names and beauty-boosting IV drips that promise to burn fat and cure hangovers — and how it has grown increasingly unregulated.

The number of so-called medical spas have increased sixfold nationwide since 2010, and the market is projected to be worth $47 billion over the next five years.

In 2008, med spas occupied 20,641 feet of retail space, according to data obtained by The Post. In 2024, that had jumped to 83,370.

Dr. gray area

Oversight of these businesses is complex, especially in New York, where it’s divided among multiple agencies. And when something goes wrong, it may not be immediately clear who is responsible.

Under state law, any company providing medical services needs to file as a physician-owned LLC or PLLC.

Attorneys say it is not uncommon for businesses to appear compliant on paper by listing doctors or management companies on official documents, while in reality skirting the requirements.

Current loopholes allow the hiring of “medical directors” if the company isn’t owned by a physician, or having the owner file as a business management partner — which can blur the lines of compliance. There also must be direct oversight from the medical supervisor as nurses administer treatments.

It’s much harder for regulators to figure out if those setups actually match what happens in real life. And a recent investigation into several hundred med spas across New York suggested dozens of them were operating outside of these requirements.

Best-case scenario, you might receive watered-down Botox from an “aesthetic artist” with little to no training, injected into your frown lines. Worst case, you could suffer lethal or close-to-lethal consequences.

In July, Felipe Hoyos Foronda, a phony surgeon from Queens, was sentenced to up to 15 years in prison for killing a 31-year-old woman last April, after she went into cardiac arrest from a lidocaine overdose during a body-contouring procedure at a makeshift clinic.

Recently, a Hell’s Kitchen-based med spa was busted after its founder, Joey Grant Luther, was caught allegedly injecting clients with phony Botox from China — leading one woman to experience “double vision” and heart palpitations.

Even celebrity favorite Sonia Dakar, an aesthetician in Los Angeles, had her license revoked in June after a patient sued her for “severe burns and permanent scarring” following a chemical peel.

‘Just made it worse’

There are dozens of Facebook groups and forums, with titles like “Botox Gone Wrong” and “Flawed Fillers & Botched Botox — An Awareness Group,” that share med spa horror stories, which include damage from lasers.

Overwhelmingly female, the members talk about aggressive treatments that have melted facial fat leaving them looking 15 years older with sagging, hallow skin, severe and ongoing facial pain from a compressed nerve following misplaced filler.

A 20-year old shared she’d become suicidal following a facial surgery, after a blood-flow blockage caused the skin on her chin to fall off, leaving her permanently disfigured.

Another group member, 35-year-old New Yorker Tara, who asked to use a pseudonym, told The Post that on more than one occasion her Botox from popular med spa Peachy left her with a severe brow drop and “crazy Carrot Top-Spock eyebrows.”

“It almost actually made me look older because it wasn’t done correctly,” she said.

“They tried correcting it, but instead of correcting it, they just made it worse by making my eyelids look super heavy.”

While she notes her experience was hardly the most traumatic, it was enough for her to reconsider going back for any further aesthetic enhancements.

“I think the biggest problem with a lot of these med spas is they don’t actually care if you return because that’s not their business model,” she said.

What is the business model?

Low outlay costs (rent, basic equipment and staffing), a high volume of patients and “affordable” premium fees that drive profits.

Experts described it to The Post as the Wild West.

New York City-based board-certified dermatologist Dr. Chang Son told The Post he frequently sees “aesthetic consultants” or medical assistants open spas by hiring nurses and low-cost medical directors, who hold the right qualifications but often are retired or located out of state, and take on the role as passive income.

This is the loophole that allows customers to think they’re under direct medical supervision and to help pass a sniff test with overburdened regulators.

“They’ll hire nurses and a low-cost medical director just to sign charts, then quickly build a viable business,” Son said.

Registered nurses often perform injectables with little supervision, and charge less than board-certified physicians, he said.

One New York City aesthetician, who requested anonymity because she still works in the industry, said she was permitted to do laser hair removal on clients for several months after her professional license had expired.

“I know there are people doing injections who shouldn’t be,” she said. “Technically I can do microneedling under my license, but I don’t know if a doctor has to be present. There were no doctors present at any place I worked.”

Such practices are far more common than expected, especially in the city.

When things go wrong

When Cleavage Clinic opened in Manhattan in 2023, it attracted attention for offering a “non-surgical natural boob job” using injectable fillers instead of implants and radiofrequency microneedling to tighten skin — both procedures that New York considers medical treatments.

Women looking for breast enhancement can book online for a complimentary consultation with co-founder Brianna Tomaselli, who is described as a breast aesthetic specialist with no medical affiliation.

Treatment packages can be purchased at the chic Midtown office, adorned with white-tiled flooring and modern wood wall paneling, for up to $6,800.

The Cleavage Clinic is part of a new generation of aesthetic businesses that follow a cookie-cutter model — slick branding, a massive social media presence, a novel procedure and founders who don’t fit consumers’ expectations of a traditional medical practice.

In their case, Cleavage Clinic boasts a staff of registered nurses, performing services only meant for medical providers.

In New York, RNs cannot independently evaluate patients or create treatment plans. But lawyers and doctors explained to The Post that nurses are permitted to perform some cosmetic procedures under a doctor or highly trained provider’s supervision, who must be on site to give specific instructions for each patient.

The Cleavage Clinic lists Dr. Eeman Tariq, a “board-certified physician and artist” based in Florida, who works with clinics in several states and offers peptide and IV treatments, as its medical director.

NY laws for physicians

CLINICAL TRIAL: Luis Rojas Cabrera (above) was arrested after an NAD+ IV injection that he administered to Elizabeth Baron (right) at his Bronx clinic led to her death after she went into cardiac arrest. He claims to have a doctor's license in the Dominican Republic but not in New York.

BO-'TOXIC': Joey Grant Luther is accused of injecting his clients in Hell's Kitchen with bogus Botox, leaving one woman with double vision and heart palpitations.

Instagram / Joey Grant Luther

Several attorneys told The Post many med spas may advertise a medical director, but don't necessarily comply with state law.

"There are a few that I know of that have a medical director who isn't even board-certified plastic or derm," New York board-certified plastic surgeon Dr. Darren Smith told The Post.

Smith said the common play is that a medical director is just an MD, but not affiliated with internal medicine, which is why a dentist can technically offer Botox.

"Ninety-five percent of the time that is fine, but when there is a problem, it's not fine," the surgeon said. "Filler is really dangerous; you can have tissue necrosis, which with rapid intervention can be reversed, but that is something you need advanced training to mediate."

As medical spas have proliferated, so too have questions over who is responsible for policing them. The law hasn't evolved as quickly as the business has.

Consumers often assume a medical spa is another type of doctor's office. But "medical spa" isn't a legal business category at all — it's a marketing term used to describe businesses offering a mix of medical and non-medical aesthetic services.

Public records show Cleavage Clinic is set up as a standard limited liability company rather than a physician-owned professional corporation or professional limited liability company.

Under New York's Corporate Practice of Medicine doctrine, businesses providing medical services generally must do so through physician-owned professional entities — not ordinary LLCs, attorneys told The Post.

Operating like a standard LLC doesn't automatically mean a spa is breaking the law — some work with doctor-owned companies that manage the medical side.

However, under New York's Corporate Practice of Medicine doctrine, simply employing or contracting with a physician is not enough for a business performing medical procedures.

The Post reached out to the Cleavage Clinic to identify the professional entity responsible for medical services, describe its physician supervision model and explain its corporate structure and how it complies with the state's Corporate Practice of Medicine doctrine.

They have yet to respond.

Burden falls to clients

Attorneys and physicians interviewed by The Post said these business models make it increasingly difficult for consumers — and regulators — to distinguish compliant businesses from those operating in legal gray areas.

Board-certified dermatologist Dr. Anetta Reszko remembers one of the worst complications she has treated from a med spa: a woman whose nose tissue began dying after filler blocked its blood supply and failed to recognize it as a medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment.

The patient ultimately required two reconstructive surgeries.

Even the term "board certified" can be used loosely. Plastic surgery and dermatology are certified through ABMS-recognized specialty boards — while other organizations offer certifications that aren't equivalent to true specialty credentials.

"I've seen nurses call themselves doctors because they have a doctorate, which misleads patients," Son added. "Patients assume a provider has an MD just because of a certificate."

To make things more complicated, not all non-ABMS-certified providers are unqualified — some nurses are highly experienced and even train others.

"It is often a misconception that a doctor is going to be better than a nurse," board-certified facial plastic surgeon Dr. Sean Alemi told The Post. "Because if a plastic surgeon doesn't spend a lot of time doing injectables, then I think they're less qualified than a nurse who's doing that stuff all the time."

The burden of distinguishing qualified providers from polished marketing increasingly falls on consumers — a responsibility Dr. Reszko believes shouldn't rest with patients alone.

"It's actually difficult," she said. "The office is pretty. The girls at the front desk are very cute, and they said they had the treatment done. So you tend to trust that."

But as aesthetic medicine grows, she said, regulators will eventually have to answer a broader question: "Who should be administering them?"

Until then, she said, patients should ask to see a provider's own before-and-after photos, ask how often they perform a procedure and research who will actually be treating them.

"It's your body," she said. "You do have to do that research."

‘Host’ Rosie skews ‘View’

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ROSIE O’Donnell has sent “The View” alumni into a tailspin over missing invitations that didn’t exist in the first place.

O’Donnell made headlines this week after saying on a podcast that she had been asked to return, in some capacity, to the hit ABC show for its 30th anniversary in September, stating, “They’re bringing back all the hosts, I think.”

O’Donnell’s rep almost immediately walked back the news, telling E!, “There was a mention of inviting some of the hosts back to ‘The View’ as a guest during Season 30 [but] there has not been a formal ask from the show at this time.”

But the damage had been done. Page Six is hearing that some past hosts felt snubbed when they heard the initial news.

Former host **Michelle Collins** was so offended that she took to Instagram to state she didn’t get the invite. The co-host of the 19th season said in a video Monday, “When I got unceremoniously let go from the show, I never talked s--t, never went public with anything because I thought that was professional. But now I’m starting to think . . . maybe I should have, because all those other people are being asked back.”

Following her post, there was a silver lining, she said. “The reaction has been so overwhelmingly positive. And I’ll always be indebted to ‘The View,’ but I’m down 60 pounds and finally over my PVSD (post-‘View’matic stress syndrome) so would be great to say hi,” the comedian told us from Lake Como, Italy, over two glasses of wine as she unwinds ahead of her stand-up show, “Wait, Why Don’t I Know You?”

Collins also revealed she was about to meet up with the show’s grande dame **Whoopi Goldberg** and her family. “Who I love, so all bridges have not been burned!” Collins said.

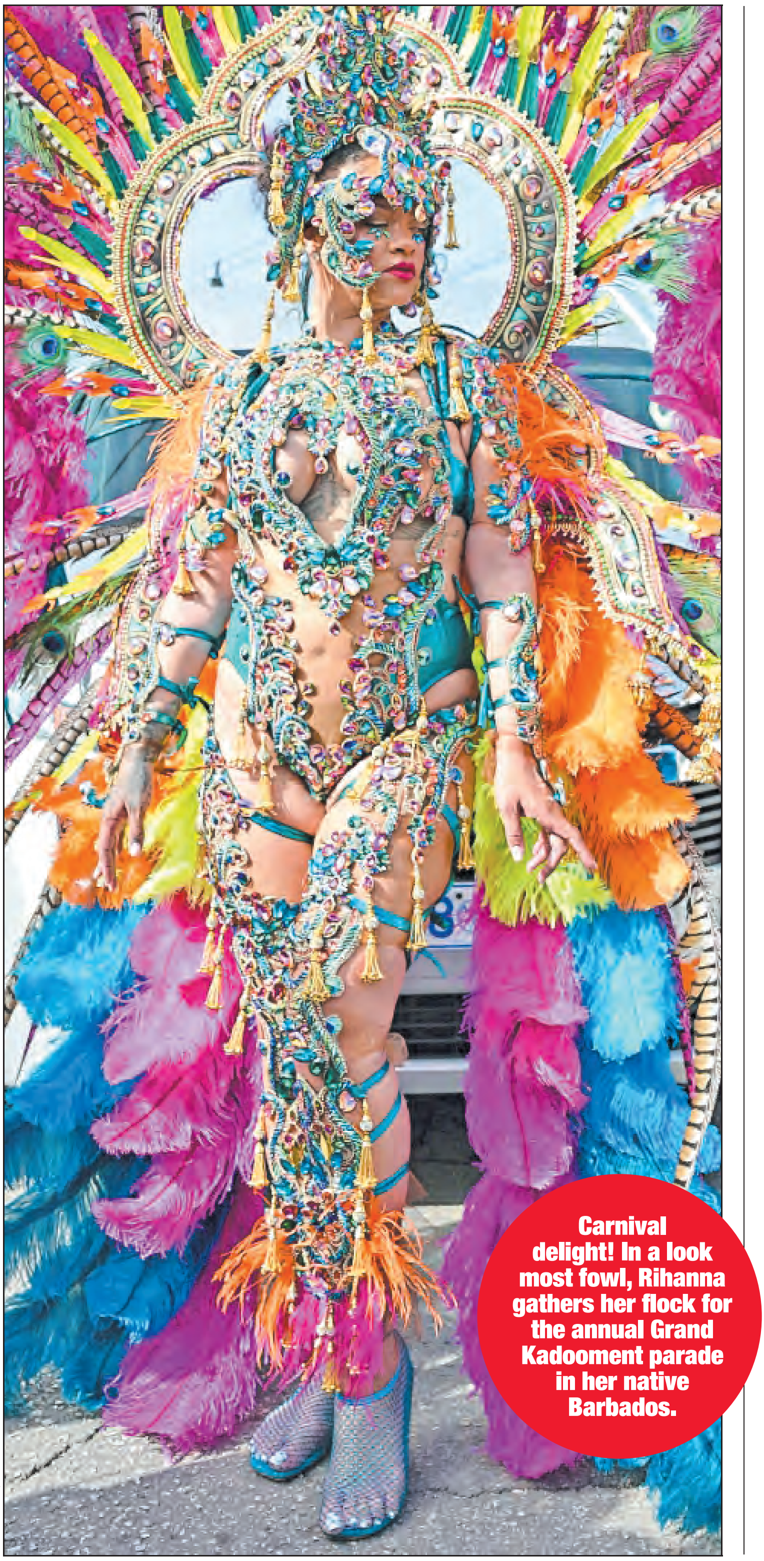
The show’s executive producer **Brian Teta** appeared to try and calm everyone down, posting on X last night: “We love seeing all the excitement about ‘The View’s’ 30th, lots of plans are in the works, but no invites have gone out.”

H’wood & Vine

THE stars came out for a chic wedding on Martha’s Vineyard over the weekend, we hear, when Hollywood power agent **Jeremy Barber** and **Julia Katherine Wetherell** tied the knot on the tony island where they first met. Spotted among the many A-listers in attendance were director **Darren Aronofsky** and partner **Alice Lloyd George**, as well as **Don Cheadle** and **Bridgid Coulter Cheadle**. Spies said the ceremony took place at the Outermost Inn — and that singer-songwriter **Steve Forbert** flew in to play the couple’s first dance, his 1979 hit “Romeo’s Tune.” We hear the busy couple aren’t taking a honeymoon. The newlyweds didn’t get back to us.

Best din, bar Naan

DESIGNER **Dennis Basso**’s recent trip to India will be an inspiration for his spring 2027 runway, says a source. It was also the idea behind his most recent dinner party. We hear Basso and husband **Michael Cominotto** transformed their Hamptons getaway, Hotel du Cobb, into “Taj du Cobb” for one night. A source tells us more than 100 friends, including **Tamron Hall** (above), were greeted by women in colorful saris before sitting down to dinner. We hear fashionable attendees such as **Fern Mallis** and **Tommy Hilfiger** wore their finest traditional Indian attire.



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Carnival delight! In a look most fowl, Rihanna gathers her flock for the annual Grand Kadooment parade in her native Barbados.

Lure in reel bind

PRADA kept Lure Fishbar’s doors open but couldn’t prevent it from sinking. The Soho hot spot found itself under water over the weekend after a pipe burst in the ceiling, we’re told. The flooding brought business to a halt, forcing owner **John McDonald** and chef **Preston Clark** to close its dining room doors temporarily on Saturday. McDonald told Page Six the flood brought back memories from 2006, when a fire and flood shuttered its doors for several months. He described this setback as a “small version of that.” They’ve been redirecting reservations and big events to McDonald’s other restaurants, Seahorse and Bar Mercer, where they’re offering “complimentary gestures,” he said. Lure reopened yesterday for outdoor seating only and “there’s a possibility we’re going to, [on] a limited basis, [open] the dining room side to accommodate a lot of reservations that really wanted to still come,” he said. We reported in June that Prada and Lure reached a deal to keep “the soul of Soho,” as **Ken Burns** put it, operating at its Mercer Street address. The restaurant will undergo renovations and is expected to operate at full capacity again by fall.

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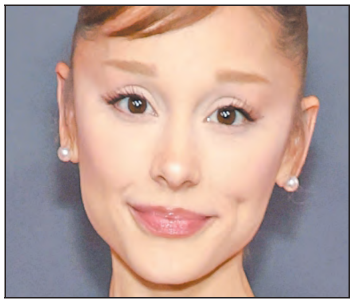

At rest with Ricky

ARIANA Grande will spend her time away from the spotlight with the people closest to her, including boyfriend **Ricky Alvarez**. “She’ll be spending a lot of time with her family, friends and Ricky,” a source exclusively told Page Six’s **Sarah Jones**. “Between touring, rehearsals and her other work commitments, she and Ricky haven’t been able to spend as much time together as she would have liked . . . so she’s looking forward to having more uninterrupted time with him.” Grande, 33, dated backup dancer Alvarez, 35, in 2015 and 2016. They recently rekindled their romance. Her rep’s announcement on Sunday that Grande (above) is pulling out of a planned West End musical and stepping back from public-facing work comes amid renewed concern about her weight.

Cat revisits past Six lives

REFORMED literary wild child **Cat Marnell** is blurring the line between fact and fiction in her new novel — and sprinkling in plenty of real downtown fixtures and Page Six references. The “How To Murder Your Life” memoirist’s upcoming tome, “The Bored and the Beautiful,” focuses on a character named Dizzy who sounds a lot like the glamorous beauty editor who famously flamed out of her job at xoJane to go on a bender. “It’s half real names and people, half fictional names,” Marnell tells us, ticking off numerous New York personalities like actress **Julia Fox**, rapper **Riff Raff**, former “Real Housewives of New York City” star **Leah McSweeney** and influencer **The Fat Jewish**, saying they “all appear as themselves, while Dizzy’s boyfriends have fictional names.” Marnell first appeared in Page Six in 2012, when she told us she’d rather “be on the rooftop of Le Bain looking for shooting stars and smoking angel dust” than working. The novel starts the same year. “It’s a period piece,” she tells us. “Writing people from that period in my life came naturally to me. They were all part of the tapestry of downtown in 2012.” Marnell added, “Page Six is in the book a lot.”

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About 278,000 noncitizens were registered to vote, the president says. Names weren't revealed.

The president declassified documents to back up his allegations. Democrats claim "no problem" and do not want voting reforms. Liberals believe it's all fabricated. **Bill O'Reilly** says he knows they covered that up.

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Celebs are 'Chill' in Hamptons

HOW some stars spend their summer vacation. **Marisa Tomei**, **Matthew Broderick**, **Frederick Weller**, **Spencer Garrett** and **Amy Brenneman** reading a screenplay in the Hamptons Aug. 31. To help a theater raise new money to save its old church building.

One night fund-raiser at East Hampton's Guild Hall reading "The Big Chill." Film from the '80s with William Hurt, **JoBeth Williams**, **Kevin Kline**, **Glenn Close**. **Kevin Costner**'s screen time ended on the cutting room floor. Maybe he can come to Guild Hall and just stand in the wings.

Another big chill? Tickets are $1,000 to $10,000. For that, Marisa Tomei should sit in your lap.

Chopping it up

EARLY '90s — when hair was big and shoulder pads were bigger — I wrote about **Paul Mormando**, a kid who got offered some show called "Power Rangers." He nixed it. He wanted major film work.

My discovery Paul Mormando is now back. And he's just been called GOAT. Greatest-Of-All-Time.

I think I thank me.

Bowwow BBQ

MORGAN'S Brooklyn Barbecue on Flatbush Avenue (corner of St. Marks) is throwing a dog night. Tuesdays, 5 to 9 p.m., all month long. Movies featuring pups, like "101 Dalmatians." Dog lover owner **Penny Glazier** says to bring yours with you.

THE terrorism scare is almost putting some airlines out of business. To keep everyone safe, besides adding marshals and locked cockpit doors, they'll stop serving in-flight salads.

Only in America, kids, only in America.

Tex. data center pause

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott pumped the brakes on new data centers that threaten to overwhelm the state's electrical grid, following his push to ban the facilities in the rural part of the state.

Abbott paused approvals for the new centers until there's a review of those that already requested to connect to the Lone Star State's grid operator, Electric Reliability Council of Texas.

ERCOT is considering more than 474 gigawatts of requests — more than five times the state's record peak electricity demand.

The governor, on Monday, directed the Public Utility Commission of Texas and ERCOT to deny grid connection requests for any project that doesn't meet state requirements, Axios reported.

About 90% of new connection requests to the Texas grid are from data centers, according to Abbott, who has previously signaled an interest to make data center regulation a top priority as he seeks reelection ahead of a new legislative session next year.

"Our top priority is to protect Texans' safety and quality of life," Abbott said in a statement, the outlet reported.

"Texans must come first," he declared. *Ella Morrison*

Wis. razz for Adams

They didn't love his swagger.

Former Mayor Eric Adams got heckled and shouted down during a Wisconsin meeting as he tried to pitch locals on an AI data center, a wild video shows.

The excruciating video — first reported by Hell Gate — shows the one-term mayor awkwardly introduce himself to the Wisconsin Rapids crowd, with his name met by an avalanche of boos during the Saturday meeting.

"You belong in prison!" one attendee shouted, referencing Adams' controversially dismissed federal corruption case.

Matthew Fischetti
and Matt Troutman

BELIEVE THE HYPE

PITCH PERFECT: Hannah Waddingham attends the Season 4 premiere of "Ted Lasso" in New York Tuesday, where she stars in the hit Apple TV show alongside Brendan Hunt (inset from left), Jason Sudeikis and the newly added Tanya Reynolds.

WireImage

'Ted Lasso' scores big getting back to basics

BELIEVE.

After a three-year hiatus, the Emmy-winning hit "Ted Lasso" is back with a fourth season that resets the show with a jolt of much-needed energy.

While it stumbles out of the gate with a tepid premiere, the rest of the episodes are the best "Ted Lasso" has been since its first year.

We catch up with Lasso (series creator/star Jason Sudeikis) back in Kansas after leaving his job as an unlikely Premier League soccer manager. He's working a mundane job and raising his son, Henry.

When his old friends and colleagues, including Rebecca Welton (Hannah Waddingham), Keeley Jones (Juno Temple) and Leslie Higgins (Jeremy Swift), visit, they convince Ted to return to his old stomping grounds across the pond — this time, to coach their budding women's soccer team.

Lauren Sarner
TV REVIEW
TED LASSO: SEASON 4
On Apple TV
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It's back to basics as Ted tries to assemble and motivate a team of underdogs and figure out how to make their clashing personalities work.

Former player Roy Kent (Brett Goldstein) returns as the men's coach who is conveniently sharing the facility. This allows him to constantly pop up, like a foul-mouthed version of a sitcom neighbor. He continues to have a "will they or won't they" dynamic with his ex-girlfriend, Keeley.

Season 4 is different enough that it doesn't feel like the show is repeating itself (give or take some plot threads, such as Roy and Keeley circling each other). There's a new team, with new characters and unique issues.

Solid mix of old & new

But it's also familiar enough that for audiences who found the show cozy when it came out during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The new season mixes Lasso's familiar cast with new characters, including the hard-nosed women's coach, Alice Chilton (Tanya Reynolds), and working-mom player Lizzie (Faye Marsay).

The episodes clip along at a steady pace, and the humor mingles well with more serious points about women's sports being underfunded and undervalued.

Season 4 is "Ted Lasso" at its best, offering team-building, sincerity, an emphasis on everyone trying their best, all undercut with enough dry British humor to keep the whole thing from feeling too cloyingly sweet.

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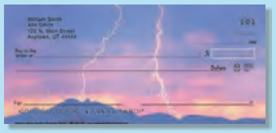
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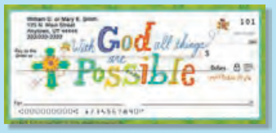
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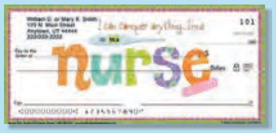
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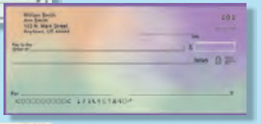
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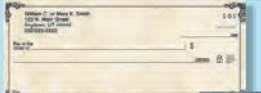
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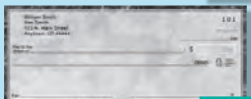
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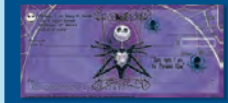
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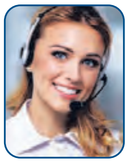
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KILLER MA, GRAN'S SCHEME

COLD BLOODED: Amy Steadman sits with the four young grandkids whom she killed at their upstate home in June after plotting with their mom, Sarah Myers, before she and her daughter committed suicide.

Plotted for days to slay 4 kids

By GEORGIA WORRELL

The grandmother and mom who murdered four children in an upstate New York apartment before taking their own lives carefully planned for and communicated about the killings, cops revealed Tuesday.

A handwritten confession letter left inside the Mechanicville home where Amy Steadman, 64, was found dead alongside her 44-year-old daughter, Sarah Myers, and Myers' four children — Harper Harmon, 13; Hudson Harmon, 11; and 10-year-old twins Gavin and Gracelynn Harmon — was signed with the grandmother's name, Mechanicville Police Chief Bill Rabbitt said.

"In that letter, the author accepts responsibility for what occurred and states that they believed killing the children was the only way to keep them safe from alleged abuse in Utah," Rabbitt told reporters, adding that police could not verify any allegations of abuse.

The kids were supposed to travel to Utah to stay with their father, Brady Harmon, for two months days after they were found dead on June 23. Brady denied all abuse allegations, the chief added.

OTC sleep drugs

Cops also recovered a series of handwritten notes believed to be penned by Myers inside the apartment.

"Although those writings were unsigned, the author repeatedly referred to 'my babies,' expressed anger toward the Utah family court system, made allegations that she and the children had been abused while living in Utah and complained that she had been unable to obtain legal representation," Rabbitt said.

Steadman in the days before the murders had visited multiple pharmacies and picked up "multiple doses of over-the-counter sleep aids that had been prescribed to her," the chief said, while she and Myers were frequently communicating via text messages about how they were going to carry out the scheme.

"Those communications confirmed that planning had begun no later than June 5" — five days before Gavin was repeatedly stabbed to death and the rest of the children were killed by a suspected mass poisoning event.

Brady Harmon told The Post on Tuesday that his ex-wife texted him on the day of the murders, claiming that the children were sick.

"I never thought she'd go full on psychopath — both of them," the grieving dad said.

The dad previously said that he last spoke with his children for 15 minutes on June 7.

"They seemed like happy little kids," he said.

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Silicon Valley mogul's vision for NASA

STEP BY STEP TO A MOON COLONY

LYDIA MOYNIHAN

FIFTY-seven years after Americans first landed on the moon, NASA is going back — not to plant another flag but to build a permanent lunar base as it aims to make humans an interplanetary species.

It is all part of an big push by the space agency's administrator, Jared Isaacman, 43, to develop nuclear-powered spacecraft, build a real space economy and eventually put Americans on Mars.

The ambitions come at a time when the public has never been more excited about NASA.

"We're polling at like 70% [for] America's support to return to the moon, which is double that of during the Kennedy era," Isaacman told me.

For NASA, the moon is foundational to any lasting presence beyond low Earth orbit. It could serve as a proving ground where astronauts extract water ice and turn it into oxygen, hydrogen and propellant — the basic building blocks of life and transportation.

The long-term goal is greater self-sufficiency, though Isaacman is careful not to oversell it. "I don't know who's rushing to have the first glass of moon water," he quipped.

Artemis aiming high

After the inspiring success of the Artemis II mission this past spring, which marked the first return to the moon in over half a century, NASA has an aggressive timeline in the coming years.

In 2027, it will launch Artemis III, which will put commercial lunar landing systems in low orbit, and start sending robotic landers and rovers to the south pole on a near-monthly basis to begin constructing a base.

"The three most powerful rockets in the world are going to launch in a span of about a week. It's going to be really quite cool," Isaacman said.

In 2028, NASA will endeavor to put astronauts back on the lunar surface with Artemis IV.

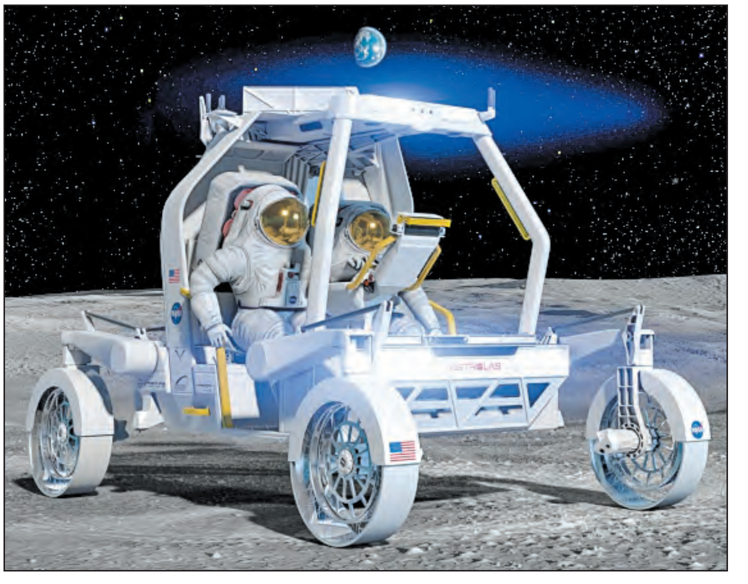
This will lay the groundwork for the commercialization of space, with private companies building out their presence beyond Earth.

"If we do want to have that extraordinary future that many of us imagine, you have to have some sort of a space economy to fund it," he said.

That shift is already underway. Much of the operations have moved from government-dominated projects into markets where private companies like SpaceX compete, innovate and drive down costs.

The next challenge is figuring out how to create more value in space than it costs to operate there — and make missions sustainable if and when taxpayers grow tired of subsidizing NASA.

Early research suggests that some of the most valuable work in



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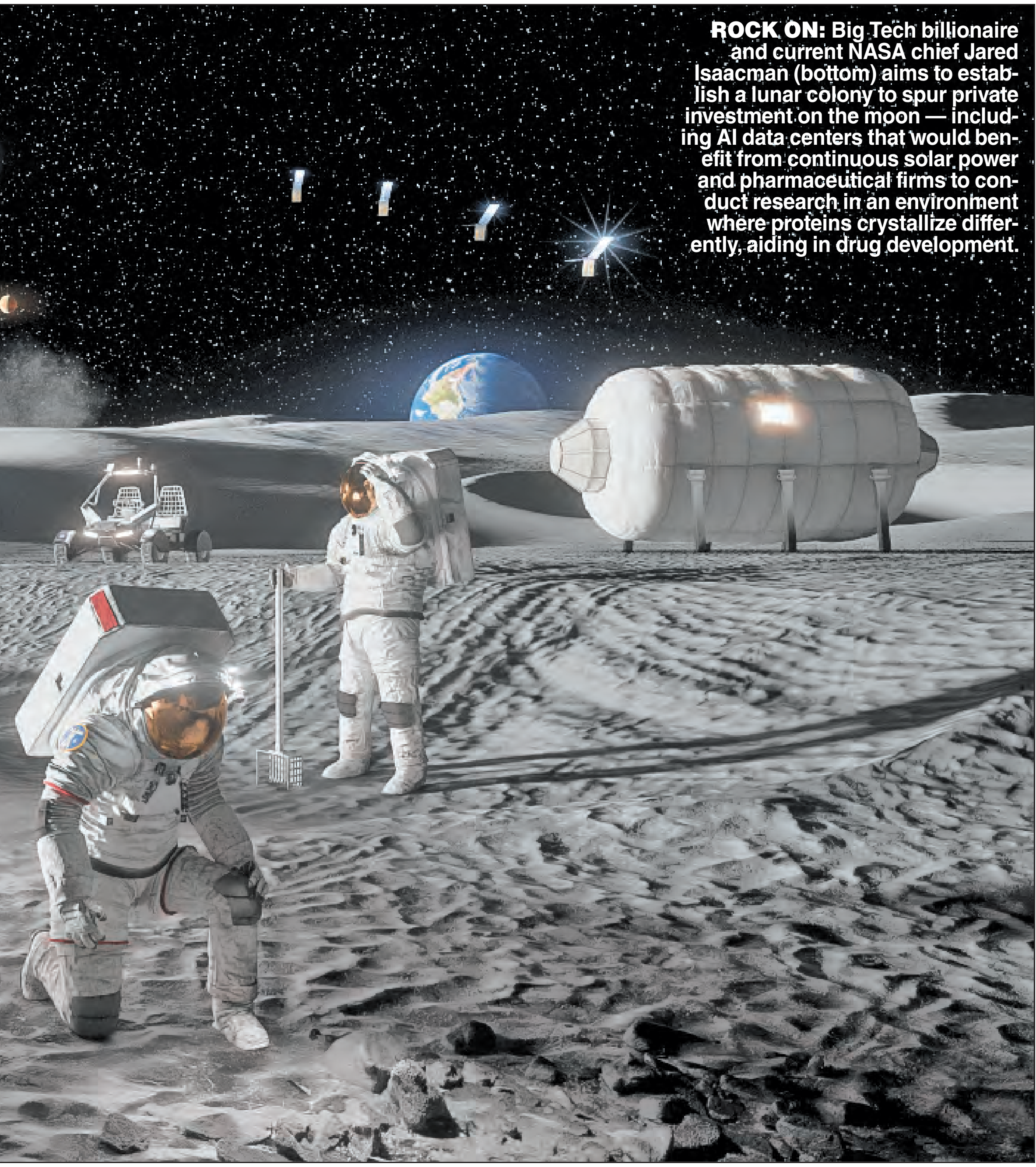

ROCK ON: Big Tech billionaire and current NASA chief Jared Isaacman (bottom) aims to establish a lunar colony to spur private investment on the moon — including AI data centers that would benefit from continuous solar power and pharmaceutical firms to conduct research in an environment where proteins crystallize differently, aiding in drug development.

Artist rendering

NASA via Getty Images

space may come from industries that benefit from microgravity. Pharmaceuticals can be tested in an environment where proteins crystallize differently, potentially helping researchers better understand disease and drug development. Biological materials and organics may grow in ways that are harder to replicate on Earth.

Orbital AI data centers, meanwhile, could benefit from continuous solar power and the ability to operate without the land, cooling and community constraints that limit them on the ground. While many of these are still moon shots, that could change quickly over the coming years.

"I would not bet against it," Isaacman said.

We may also finally get an answer to whether there is extraterrestrial life. Isaacman thinks there is "a very good chance" that samples returned from Mars in the next decade or so will prove microbial life once existed there — and we could see similar evidence from other worlds, like some of Saturn's moons.

Entrepreneurial spirit

Isaacman, a private astronaut and billionaire entrepreneur who made his fortune in processing business payments, is uniquely positioned for this moment.

He left high school at 16, founded what became the company Shift4 Payments in his parents' basement and grew it into a multibillion-dollar public company listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

"I've absolutely lived the American dream," Isaacman said. "None of that should happen and only did because of the nation that we live in right now."

He was captivated by space from a young age: As a kindergartener, he told his teacher he would become an astronaut, and he later became a pilot because he thought that was the closest he would ever get. It wasn't.

In 2021, he commanded Inspiration4, the first all-civilian orbital mission. In September 2024, on the privately funded Polaris Dawn mission, he became the first private astronaut to conduct a spacewalk.

When President Trump nominated him to run NASA a few months later, in early December 2024, Isaacman had only recently returned to Earth.

"There was no way I was going to turn it down," he said of the out-of-this-world opportunity. "I had no problem walking away from my other life . . . I had a huge debt to repay to the nation."

He brought his private sector, Silicon Valley-ethos with him to NASA — pushing it away from its bureaucratic background into a leaner and more efficient operation.

"We have got to stop trying to please everybody right now. We need extreme focus," he said. "We're supposed to be doing what no other government agency, no company is capable of doing, no other nation around the world."

That has meant focusing on nuclear power and propulsion. NASA is targeting the launch of its first nuclear-powered spaceship in 2028.

It's also meant attacking internal inefficiency. Roughly 75% of the agency's workforce, more than 40,000 people, are contractors.

"As a taxpayer that should really bother you," he said. "It's $4.5 billion a year that we are paying to rent our workforce."

NASA is now reversing that model, he said, by bringing contractors into civil-service roles tied to core competencies: designing, building, testing, launching and operating spacecraft.

"It's saving taxpayers lots of money without canceling a program or firing anyone," Isaacman noted.

Part of Isaacman's urgency comes from an acknowledgment that America is in a new space race with China.

"We're not going to lose," he said.

And the challenge is worth it because — as figures like Isaacman and Elon Musk describe it — it is about diminishing humanity's "massive concentration risk on Earth" if and when something happens to our planet.

Realistic about task

Still, for all of his ambition and enthusiasm, Isaacman is pragmatic about what the future in space might actually be like — more Antarctic expedition than glamorous vacation.

"Mars is going to suck to live in. You're going to live in a bubble. You're going to get pelted with radiation all the time. You're never going to have a beach day," he said. "Earth is the nice house in the neighborhood. Pretty much everything in our solar system is going to be a significant step down from Earth."

But, he's very excited about the future — both in the near and in the long term.

"I can't wait for Halloween because I think the number of kids dressing up as astronauts for Halloween is probably one of the best indicators of how good of a job we're doing," he said.

"I suspect the numbers will be up this year."

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Judge deports Canucklehead

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GOOD RIDDANCE: Lefty Canadian illegal immigrant Kaitlyn Tracey, who slapped a patriotic teen girl on a New Jersey boardwalk (below) July 3, was ordered to be deported.

SLAPPED BACK TO CANADA

By JORDAN DONEGAN and GEORGIA WORRELL

The lefty Canadian illegal immigrant who attacked a teen in patriotic clothing on a New Jersey boardwalk has got to maple-leave the country.

A Texas immigration judge Tuesday ordered Kaitlyn Tracey to be deported back to her home country before the teen slapper entered a guilty plea on assault charges stemming from the ugly, Fourth of July weekend brawl at the Point Pleasant boardwalk.

Tracey, 33, who attended a criminal court hearing in Toms River over the phone from a Texas ICE lockup, only copped to one count of simple assault, a misdemeanor, as part of a plea deal.

Besides exile to Canada, she was sentenced to one day behind bars, but was granted time served since she was jailed in Ocean County last month.

Tracey was nabbed after allegedly confronting a group of four teenagers, including a girl wearing a USA 250 tank top, before launching the attack July 3.

While arguing with the teen, she allegedly slapped the girl across her face, according to police, who said the assault was caught on camera.

Overstayed visa

Tracey overstayed her visa and was in the US illegally at the time of her arrest, the Department of Homeland Security said at the time.

On Tuesday, however, her defense lawyer tried to paint Tracey as a "productive member of society."

"She arrived here on a passport some years ago. She met her husband and didn't leave, but while she was [here], she maintained equal employment and was a productive member of society," attorney Francis Hodgson told Judge Guy P. Ryan, and called the boardwalk incident simply "unfortunate."

"[Tracey has] taken responsibility for her role in it, and this is a reasonable judgment, Judge, that is consistent with other similar-type matters that happen every day during the summer on this boardwalk," Hodgson said of the sentence.

The prosecution said that the victim's family was on board with the plea.

A parent of the girl, who was only identified in court by the initials M.H., attended the hearing virtually, but with no video or audio.

Ryan summarized the family's impact statement aloud in the courtroom.

"The parents recite that, 'Thank goodness for cameras and cellphones to have documented this incident,'" he said, adding that the relatives belong to "immigrant families" and are "proud of their country and celebrated its independence."

"The notoriety and felicity of this matter has indicated that they're proud of their country, love their country, they have core values and refer to the history of their family," the judge stated.

The victim and her parents "look forward to justice being served, and they thank all the agencies involved," he concluded.

The not-so-nice neighbor from the North — who had been living in Asbury Park with her husband of three years, Matt Geroni — was initially charged with endangering the welfare of a child, simple assault, harassment and obstruction, according to court records.

'Very long' exile

She was transferred from the Delaney Hall immigration detention facility in Newark to ICE's processing center in Laredo, Texas, a five-minute drive down the road from Laredo International Airport.

How and when Tracey will be transported back to Canada and whether she will ever be permitted to return to the US wasn't clear, although her banishment is expected to last "for a very long time," Ryan said during her sentencing.

Geroni was noticeably absent from the courtroom Tuesday, after the self-styled social media star previously whined in a TikTok video that his wife was forced to endure "horrible," squalid conditions at Delaney Hall, and begged his followers to help him get her released from ICE custody, "even if that means back to Canada."

Guard's sex romps with inmate

The married federal prison guard accused of having sex with an inmate sent salacious texts to the felon about vibrating underwear and her desire for his "big man hands," according to court documents.

Jordan Pensak, 27, a correction officer at the Federal Correctional Institution in Fort Dix, NJ, was charged last week with sexual abuse after investigators discovered the trove of dirty messages.

"I'm getting you vibrating panties," the inmate allegedly texted Pensak amid one smutty exchange in August 2025, according to the criminal complaint.

Pensak later wrote about her lust for the felon's "big man hands" in the explicit back-and-forth, the complaint states.

Starting in 2024, Pensak had sex with the unidentified inmate several times in an office at the prison while the inmate paid other prisoners to act as "lookouts" during the romps, the federal charge against her alleges.

The pair exchanged over 100 sexually explicit messages, photos and videos — found when Pensak's phone was seized.

Patrick Reilly

Life-threat spider bite

A mother of four is clinging to life in the hospital after being bitten by an unknown number of spiders while visiting Cheney Reservoir about 35 miles west of Wichita, Kan.

Britagne Miller, who has a history of blood-clotting disorders, was sitting by a campfire with her family on May 28 when the arachnids crawled on her.

Doctors removed approximately 2 ounces of blood clots and installed a drain to help healing — but five days later Miller's wound became infected with a serious staph infection and a gram-negative S-type infection.

She's now on the waiting list for a liver transplant.

Chris Nesi

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Wacko bites senior

A rabid Brooklyn nut chomped on the cheek of a senior citizen who told him his music was too loud, according to cops and law-enforcement sources.

The 65-year-old victim complained about the loud tunes coming from the suspect's speaker outside a Domino's Pizza on Rockaway Parkway near Kings Highway in Brownsville around 11:30 a.m. Thursday, sources said.

That's when the wacko bit his left cheek before punching him several times in the face, police said.

The lunatic then took off.

The victim refused medical attention, police said.

Police released footage of the suspect (above) Monday night showing him wearing a black Champion T-shirt, backward black baseball cap, light-colored shorts and black sneakers.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477). The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers website.

Steven Vago

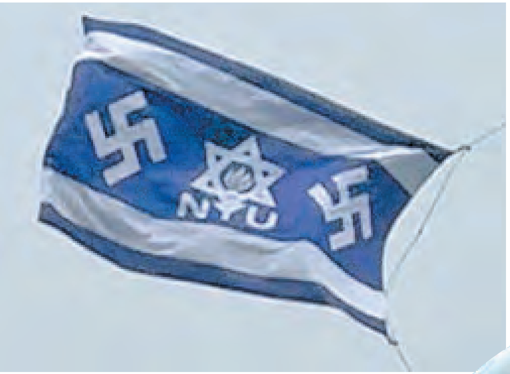
Ma 'in dark' as cop dies

The heartbroken mom of a former NYPD officer of the month who died following a botched breast implant removal operation in the Dominican Republic has claimed doctors failed to tell her that her daughter was dead when she rushed to the clinic.

Rebecca De Paula, 31, died Sunday reportedly from a bacterial, one week after arriving on the island for the procedure, the Dominican Republic outlet El Dia reported.

Chris Bradford

'Nazi' banner preppy in court



Steven Hirsch

VICIOUS WAVE: Alexander Stepnowsky in court Tuesday on charges related to raising this flag (above) on a NYU building.

Here is the first look at the preppy NYU student from Connecticut accused of raising a flag bearing two swastikas next to a Star of David at a campus building dedicated to a Jewish donor.

Alexander Stepnowsky, 23, wore a baby-blue button-down shirt and tan khakis to his routine preliminary Manhattan court hearing Tuesday in his hate-crimes case stemming from the disturbing May incident.

He hoisted the banner, which also included a New York University logo and was designed to look like one of the prestigious school's purple and white flags, during this year's graduation festivities, prosecutors claim.

The Fairfield resident admitted to the conduct, claiming he raised the flag because he was upset with how NYU handled political issues around Israel, law-enforcement sources told The Post.

Stepnowsky has pleaded not guilty to charges of burglary and criminal trespass as a hate crime, as well as first-degree aggravated harassment.

He was previously released on his own recognizance and is due back in court in October.

After Stepnowsky's arrest, university officials said that they were investigating the "heinous" episode and considering a range of punishments, including his expulsion.

Steven Hirsch

'WHAT'S ZOING ON?'

Explain attacks on Jews: DOJ to Mam

By CARL CAMPANILE

The Trump Justice Department is "actively" investigating crimes fueled by antisemitism in New York City and has sent a letter to Mayor Mamdani demanding answers about the "unequal treatment" of Jews.

The extraordinary move comes after cops say Raul Morales, 51, screamed "Allahu Akbar!" (God is greater) while stabbing a Jewish man and an Asian man in separate attacks on the Upper West Side last month.

Many Jewish leaders were quick to blame the Muslim mayor — an outspoken critic of Israel who has accused it of committing a genocide during the war in Gaza and called for the arrest of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu — for the stabbings.

Hate crimes have overall surged in the Big Apple under Mamdani, with more than half of this year's incidents to date targeting Jewish New Yorkers, according to NYPD statistics released on Monday.

US Assistant Attorney General Harmeet Dhillon, who heads the department's Civil Rights Division, last week discussed complaints about local hate crimes with Dov Hikind, founder of Americans Against Antisemitism and a former Brooklyn state assemblyman.

Her office also sent a letter to Mamdani to answer for the troubling incidents.

"The Justice Department's Civil Rights Division is actively investigating and prosecuting hate crimes, including antisemitism, in New York City and nationwide," the department said in a statement to The Post.

"The Civil Rights Division has an extensive and active portfolio of antisemitism enforcement, including indictments, prosecutions, settlements, and investigations across the country."

'King of antisemitism'

Hikind told The Post that Dhillon informed him she sent a letter to Mamdani asking for a response about the "unequal treatment" of Jews in the Big Apple.

"The Justice Department is taking antisemitism very seriously," Hikind said. "The king of antisemitism is none other than Mayor Mamdani."

The head of one of America's leading Jewish civil-rights groups suggested Mamdani's Israel-bashing rhetoric is fueling violence.

"Hey,@NYCMayor Mamdani — Law enforcement says the man they arrested for attacking a synagogue in Sarasota, Fla., was motivated by social media propaganda," tweeted Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO of the Anti-Defamation League.

"The man reportedly reposted your video demonizing the Jewish state. Words have consequences. Your inflammatory rhetoric can lead to violence.

"Jewish people and institutions are being attacked in NYC and across the country because of hateful and demonizing rhetoric," Greenblatt said. "The Jewish community deserves leaders who will confront antisemitism and protect Jewish New Yorkers, not fan the flames of hate."

The mayor's office did not respond to a request for comment, but Mamdani has previously insisted he takes antisemitism seriously and has dramatically increased funding to combat hate.

Sally Brompton Daily Horoscope

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♌ LEO
(July 24-Aug. 23)

If you play to your strengths today, you won't have any trouble dealing with your rivals, even if some of them are several rungs above you on the corporate or professional ladder. Aim high, aim true and aim to be No. 1.

♍ VIRGO
(Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

That sense of foreboding you feel is misleading in that while it makes you think that something bad is going to occur, almost certainly it won't. No matter what happens over the next 24 hours, none of it will affect you in a negative way.

♎ LIBRA
(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Life is good and about to get even better, so quit worrying about the small things and focus on the bigger picture for a change. Venus in your sign as from tomorrow will remind you that Librans are supposed to take life in their stride.

♏ SCORPIO
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You may have to admit that you probably won't reach a long-term goal, but don't make it out to be a bigger issue than it is. The fact that you always set your sights so high makes it inevitable that you have to make adjustments along the way.

♐ SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Something you think of as a burden will become much easier to carry over the next few days, and the most likely reason is that you have got used to it and now it doesn't weigh you down so much. Soon it won't weigh you down at all.

♑ CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

You have never been the sort to make the same mistake twice, but a friend or family member seems to be making the same error again and again. Take them to one side today and point out how, where and why they need to change.

♒ AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

The planets warn if you go to extremes by doing too much or too little, your efforts will be wasted. All areas of your life need to be in harmony, and the way you choose to work with your colleagues needs to be looked at most of all.

♓ PISCES
(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

If you feel the urge to get rid of possessions you no longer need, so you can replace them with something better, now is the time to push ahead and actually do it. Don't just make a list of what needs to go, actually start throwing stuff out.

♈ ARIES
(March 21-April 20)

There seems to be something you want to do but are reluctant to commit to because of the cost, but the planets insist that you can afford it, so be bold and get started right away. Believe in yourself and in your dreams.

♉ TAURUS
(April 21-May 21)

Some people just love to make a drama out of a crisis, and one such person will give you a hard time today. No matter how much they shout and scream, and no matter how many tears they shed, don't take their histrionics seriously.

♊ GEMINI
(May 22-June 21)

It's not like you to let fears get on top of you, but you seem to believe that the sky is about to fall on your head. It isn't, but console yourself with the thought that if it does, it will ruin everyone else's day as well.

♋ CANCER
(June 22-July 23)

You need to ignore events in the wider world that are outside your ability to control and focus on matters closer to home that you can influence for the better. Individual efforts can have consequences way beyond your immediate environment.

BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY

If you set yourself sensible targets for the year ahead, you will get sensible results. Which may sound a bit boring, but your birthday chart warns if you set outrageous targets, you won't come anywhere near them. Something is always better than nothing.

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Wednesday

Today: Humid; a t-storm around this afternoon. High 78 to 84.

Tonight: Cloudy, a stray t-storm; humid. Low 69 to 75.

Thursday

Tomorrow: Sunny spells with a stray t-storm; humid. High 85 to 91.

Tomorrow night: Partly cloudy and humid. Low 71 to 77.

Friday

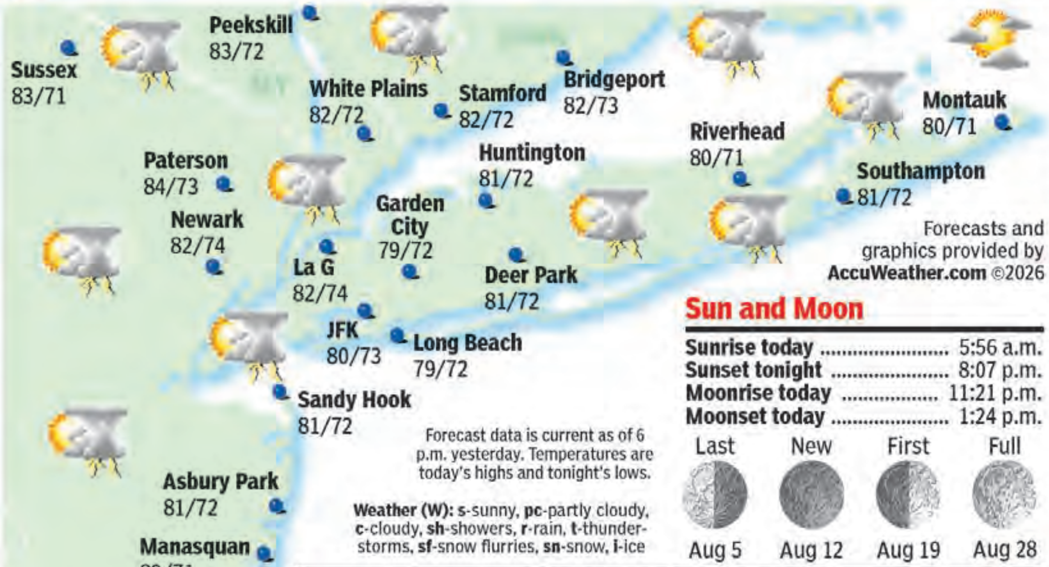
Showers/ t-storms. High 86 to 92.

Evening
A t-storm around. Low 72 to 78.

Saturday

A t-storm around. High 85 to 91.

Evening
Humid. Low 71 to 77.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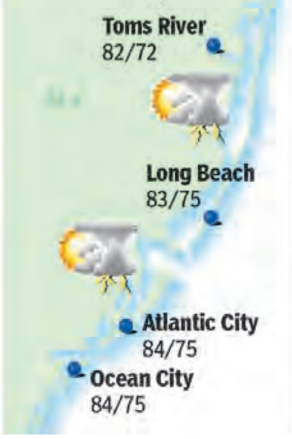
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Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **r**-rain, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today .... 5:56 a.m.
Sunset tonight .... 8:07 p.m.
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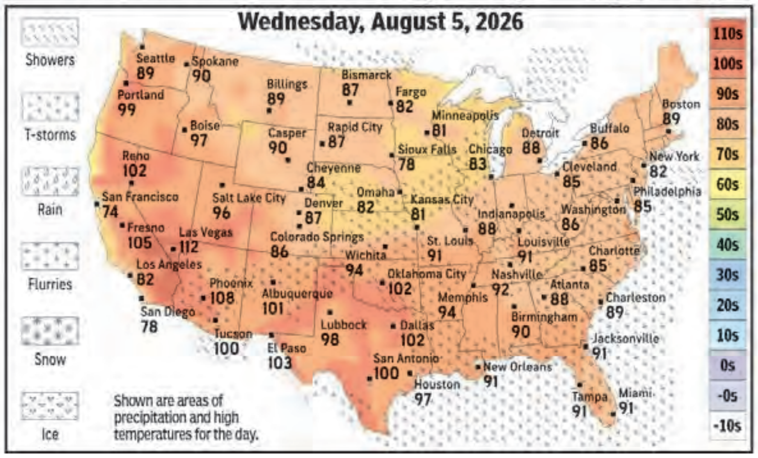
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Shown are areas of precipitation and high temperatures for the day.

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YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM

Temperature
High: 84, Low: 66, Mean: 75

Departure from Normal
Yesterday: -2 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: 0.00", Month: 2.00",
Year: 24.71", Normal year to date: 28.95"

Cooling Degree days yesterday..............10
Total for the month (normal)...........49 (49)
Total since Jan. 1 (normal)...........809 (750)
Last year to date....................................818
Heat Index (at noon yest.) 82
UV index (for Wed.) .... 5 (Moderate)
Humidity (at noon) 47%

AIR QUALITY
Pollen: Low Predominant pollen: Weeds, Grasses
AQI rating: (for Wed.) .... Good

New York Tides

High Tide for	TODAY 1st	TODAY 2nd	TOMORROW 1st	TOMORROW 2nd
Coney Island	12:43a	1:17p	1:41a	2:13p
Fire Island	12:51a	1:31p	1:40a	2:28p
Hempstead	4:24a	4:50p	5:21a	5:49p
Huntington	4:34a	4:58p	5:31a	5:56p
Jones Inlet	12:27a	1:01p	1:25a	1:57p
Montauk Point	2:04a	2:50p	2:57a	3:47p
Port Washington	4:22a	4:48p	5:19a	5:47p
Sandy Hook	12:47a	1:21p	1:45a	2:17p

Regional cities

Regional cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	85/70/pc	85/70/t
Danbury	82/72/t	87/71/t
Glens Falls	84/64/pc	85/68/t
Gr Barrington	84/67/pc	84/70/t
Kingston	86/72/pc	89/72/t
Liberty	80/67/pc	83/65/t
Monticello	81/68/pc	83/64/t
Newburgh	84/73/pc	87/73/t
Poughkeepsie	86/71/pc	88/71/t
Saratoga Springs	85/68/pc	83/69/t
Stroudsburg	80/69/t	83/68/t
Torrington	82/70/pc	86/72/t
Syracuse	91/71/pc	87/69/t

World cities

World cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	97/78/s	96/76/s
Baghdad	117/87/pc	119/84/pc
Beijing	97/78/t	100/79/c
Berlin	90/68/t	83/58/s
Cairo	98/75/pc	98/75/pc
Dublin	64/47/pc	66/51/pc
Geneva	88/64/t	87/62/t
Hong Kong	91/80/r	92/81/t
Jerusalem	90/71/s	90/71/s
Kabul	92/65/pc	88/67/pc
London	80/54/s	76/55/pc
Madrid	97/73/s	100/73/s
Mexico City	77/56/r	78/57/r
Montreal	87/70/c	85/70/t
Moscow	82/63/pc	86/67/r
Paris	82/60/sh	76/54/t
Rio de Janeiro	84/72/pc	86/74/s
Rome	92/72/s	91/73/s
Sydney	66/45/s	67/45/pc
Tokyo	86/77/pc	92/78/sh

Food Frenzies

Grocery-cost data deflates the doomsayers

DAVID HARSANYI

AP Photo/Ryan Murphy

Bananas: Mamdani's subsidized supermarkets attack a nonexistent crisis.

VOTERS have a God-given right to complain. That's why we have politics.

It wouldn't hurt, though, if we occasionally took a minute to place our problems in historical context. Otherwise, we risk falling into a doom-and-gloom spiral that threatens to undo our grasp on reality.

Take grocery prices. Polls show that two-thirds of the American public consider groceries to be "unaffordable."

The anxiety over prices is driving people to embrace socialist ideas like Mayor Mamdani's $70 million city-owned supermarket chain. And it's the reason why so many right-wing economic populists are pestering President Trump to stop fighting Iran so he can "focus" on lowering food prices.

Sorry, but they're all wrong. We're not living through an unprecedented food crisis.

In 1901, the average American family spent 42% of its disposable budget on food, according to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. In 1945 it was 23%. In 1965 it was 15%. In 1985 it was around 12%.

Today, per Agriculture Department calculations, it's 9.7%. That number is driven by a historically high rate of dining out and having food delivered.

If we remove eating out from the equation and measure only grocery and supermarket shopping, the average family spends just 7.9% of its budget on food — and a discriminating shopper can probably do better.

None of this is even to mention that modern consumers have access to an amazing array of products and delicacies from around the globe that would have blown the minds of previous generations. The American diet is the most diverse in the world, incorporating a wide variety of cuisines and year-round availability of products that were once seasonal.

Because of highly efficient global supply chains, a person can go to any big-box store in the nation and buy affordable produce from Central America, or beverages from Asia, or salmon from Scandinavia or curry from India. Even with all this, Americans spend far less of their income on food than any people in any other nation on Earth, the USDA has found.

Yet most voters are apparently functioning under the mistaken notion that everything about our economy, particularly food costs, is getting exponentially worse.

Since Trump's inauguration, the cost of food has risen at a slower pace than overall inflation and is now well within the normal pre-COVID range.

Even in the best of times, retail food prices rise between 2% and 3% year over year. In 2025, overall food prices were up 3% — but only 2.4% in supermarkets and groceries.

Thus far this year, we've seen a 3% rise overall, with a 2.7% increase in home grocery prices. We don't need state-run supermarkets: Try brown-bagging it sometimes and you'll save plenty.

It also seems that voters believe food prices have risen faster than their wages have. For most people, that's simply untrue. Over the past decade, which includes the COVID pandemic, American wages rose over 46%, while food prices rose around 34%.

There's no question that we're still living with the inflationary domestic policy instituted by Washington during the pandemic, which affected nearly everything. Inflation is cumulative, of course, and it's unlikely we're ever going to see prices roll back to pre-COVID levels.

Many recent hits on grocery bills, though, have little to do with government policy. The outbreak of the avian flu spiked egg prices, for instance, and a long drought has boosted the cost of beef. But there's very little a president can do about such environmental impacts, or about normal levels of inflation.

Trump recently blasted Exxon and Chevron executives for making "too much money," and demanded those companies lower gas prices. The harangue was surely for voters' benefit, since oil is a fungible commodity whose price is dictated by the world market and not CEOs.

But the president can't berate supermarkets — because while profits have fluctuated greatly in the fossil fuel industry, the grocery business is consistently one of the nation's least lucrative, with profit margins around 2%.

So far in 2026, supermarkets have seen a meager 1.32% net profit. Grievance politics might be popular, but Big Grocery isn't ripping you off.

Every generation lives in the context of its own experiences. I get it. Still, for 300,000 years of human existence people were perpetually teetering on the edge of starvation. Today, multi-billion-dollar industries exist for the sole purpose of helping us eat *less*.

So take a moment's break from the intense pessimism of modern politics and appreciate the extraordinary truth: We're living in an era of astonishing affordability and abundance.

THE WEEK'S BEST OF The Babylon Bee

Headlines from America's satirical news source, babylonbee.com

Spaniards Horrified To See Their Country Turning Into Minnesota

Sources confirmed that Minnesota Governor Tim Walz had already reached out to Sánchez to congratulate him on the work he was doing to completely destroy his entire nation.

WNBA Coaches Stumped As To What The 'W' Stands For

"We've tried to take our best guess, but we're totally stumped," said Indiana Fever head coach Stephanie White. "Whale? Watch? Wind? There's just no way to know. In fact, we suspect it might just be one of those things that literally can't be known."

Dodgers Acquire Kal-El Of Krypton

"We can't even pretend it's fair at this point," baseball analyst Buster Olney said after the deal was announced. "Now they're adding Kal-El of Krypton to the mix? Batting second, right behind Ohtani?"

Man Who Took Nation's Constitutional Rights Claims Protection By Constitutional Right

"Yes, I can prevent you from speaking your mind, gathering to worship, or even leaving your home. You just cannot ask me about it. Is that clear?"

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Mullin & the Ankle-Biters

Markwayne Mullin is doing exactly what President Trump needed done at Homeland Security in the wake of Kristi Noem's disastrous tenure — so of course a pack of podcasters who claim *they* speak for MAGA want Mullin gone.

The new DHS chief is delivering *more* illegal-migrant detentions, arrests and deportations. And he's doing it *without* the pointless confrontations that outrage most Americans and so endanger the entire project of getting 10 million border-jumpers gone.

This straightforward success infuriates the likes of Noem loyalist Gregory Bovino, who seized on a speech Mullin gave last weekend at a National Governors Association gathering to charge the new guy wants "amnesty" for illegals. Huh? Mullin embraced Trump's own immigration stance:

- It's bad when we wave in criminals, freeloaders and America-haters.
- It's good when we admit good people, especially ones who boost our economy.

He also noted that US immigration laws haven't been updated in over half a century, and should be — but won't be, because Congress can't get anywhere near agreement; then he argued that DHS enforcement on his watch would still get its job done.

All of it common-sense truth, as were his supposed "amnesty" plea, which was simply noting that the laws allow for some now-illegal immigrants to gain legal status.

But the "we speak for MAGA" profiteers went nuts, also objecting that Mullins sometimes manages to cooperate with relatively sane Democrats like Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro and that he suspended ICE vehicle stops after a couple of fatal encounters.

Look: Nobody should be claiming to speak for MAGA except Trump, who doesn't need an ounce of "assistance" in doing it — and who *also* sometimes works with Democrats.

Noem ran Homeland Security to serve herself, not the president; Mullin's doing the job right — which is why the White House is stomping on the whiners. They should go find some other ankles to bite.

NY's See-No-Fraud Politicians

No matter how much public shaming they receive, New York politicians not only refuse to crack down on massive Medicaid fraud, they seem eager to *cover it up*.

Consider adult day-care centers in Flushing: In January, The Post exposed numerous centers sucking up Medicaid dollars while providing little, if any, of the services the cash is supposed to pay for.

Trump Medicaid czar Mehmet Oz then visited Flushing and posted videos showing the ludicrous number of centers in close proximity. On just one block, he pointed to "hundreds of millions of dollars of illegal profits being made from Social Adult Daycare Centers," aka SADCs. Team Trump has even threatened to hold up federal payments to the state over potential fraud.

Yet, despite all the heat, when The Post's Chadwick Moore visited those centers last week, he found little changed. Many of the 77 *centers* clustered in a one-mile radius were shuttered or lacked patients, same as six months earlier.

It's a lot of fraud: Flushing's SADCs alone billed a whopping $733 million for Medicaid services from 2018 to 2024.

Oz blasted "a lack of proper state oversight" as these "centers have become cash cows for criminal syndicates." Yes: Attorney General Tish James' Medicaid fraud unit ranks 49th among states for criminal probes per billion in Medicaid spending.

Meanwhile, state Sen. John Liu (who represents the area) blathers: "It would be misguided to . . . paint Flushing as the epicenter of this kind of fraud, if it exists." *If* it exists?

This is taxpayer cash flowing to criminals, but evidently New York politicians see the criminal class as their natural allies.

Letting Legionnaires' Kill

Legionnaires' disease has been hitting New York City for over a decade; preventing it is straightforward — yet City Hall can't get the job done. And so Gotham just suffered seven deaths plus 72 hospitalizations.

The Legionella bacteria is now endemic in the urban Northeast, infecting the cooling towers atop buildings with AC systems.

City rules require full cleaning of every tower at least twice a year, along with monthly testing. But the city was well behind on its inspections as this summer began. When belated checks got done, nearly a quarter of buildings in the affected neighborhoods had no records of doing the required tests at all this year.

Right: The bug killed seven New Yorkers last year in Harlem, but the Health Department still didn't have its act together six months after Mayor Mamdani took office.

Per Council Speaker Julie Menin, city health officials only learned of the outbreak's second fatality from news reports — then refused to order all cooling towers in the area disinfected. And the Health Department failed to share basic information about the number of cooling towers in the affected area, their testing histories and so on.

During last year's outbreak, Gov. Hochul told The Post that "responsibility and mitigation [of the outbreak] are solely within [NYC's] purview." Afterward, she said, "I don't know how you prevent it." Mamdani this year dismissed Speaker Menin's complaints as "politics."

Competent leaders would lean hard enough on the bureaucracies to ensure proper prevention, year after year, or *at least* to have solid protocols in place to move fast when we get another outbreak; count this as one more sign that New York lacks real leadership.

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COVID & Accountability: Judging Anthony Fauci

THE ISSUE: Anthony Fauci invoking the Fifth Amendment 111 times during his Senate hearing.

Anthony Fauci

• Anthony Fauci is not a doctor ("Founders' Fauci Fix," Josh Hammer, Post-Opinion, Aug. 3).

He holds an MD degree, but the first tenet of the Hippocratic Oath is "Do no harm." It would be a fruitless search to find any individual who has harmed this country more than the feckless Fauci. Our children lost two years of education and socialization that they may never recover from.

Fauci invoked the Fifth Amendment more than a mobster kingpin would. There was no defense of his actions or any explanations. **Tom Smith**
Sarasota, Fla.

• Fauci is a national treasure. His research on HIV and other viral diseases have saved millions of lives globally.

Do you know who should be behind bars? Your lying, corrupt felon of a president, who has increased his assets by more than $2 billion.

Fauci has more brains in the tip of his pinky than all the MAGA senators have in their heads.
Haridas Varma
Apalachin

• Many liberals are continuing to support Fauci's actions throughout COVID, saying that Republicans are demonizing him.

Fauci's own words show how vacuous and unserious a person he truly is. Like a teenage girl, he was gobsmacked by celebrities blowing him kisses.

Everything he advised had virtually no basis in science: masking, distancing, school closings, the origin of the virus and the efficacy of the vaccines.

His bad reputation is a result of his own heinous actions. **Charles Sitero**
Ormond Beach, Fla.

• How come none of the Sunday morning shows had any mention of Fauci's 111 Fifth Amendment pleas?

When will we see anyone held accountable for COVID? The media is right up there with Fauci, backing his lies and not reporting the truth.
C. O'Keefe, Manhattan

• Fauci's despicable hearing performance, where he invoked the Fifth Amendment 111 times, is not surprising.

His greed and visceral narcissism impacted the mental and physical health and the educational development of American children. More than 1 million Americans needlessly died.

This megalomaniac was more concerned with himself and his notoriety than the health, safety and welfare of his fellow people. **Earl Beal**
Terre Haute, Ind.

• The best punishment for Fauci is to change COVID's name to the "Fauci Pandemic."
Robert Clement
Manchester, Conn.

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Rama's Crazed Collaborator

THE ISSUE: Rama Duwaji associate Susan Abulhawa saying the Holocaust "has lost its meaning."

• Susan Abulhawa is a very scary person ("Mam wife partner's Holocaust taunting," Aug. 3).

She said the Holocaust lost its meaning and the whole world is sick of hearing about it — no, we are not. Losing sight of history allows it to repeat itself — which I am sure is what she wants.

She says there is an extreme overrepresentation of Jews in every branch of the country, further illustrating her racist obsessions.

This lady is a cancer to our society. When will the New York Jewish population say enough is enough and stop voting for the Democrats who spit in their faces?
James Marchese
West Islip

• It takes a particularly base character to complain about Jews "whining" over the Holocaust. Six million Jews were exterminated in the most barbaric ways. Families were ripped apart, never to see loved ones again.

Jews do not have to justify their values or emotions to a radical Palestinian. And our contributions to American society in medicine, arts, education and more do not need her endorsement.
Yakov Moshe, Brooklyn

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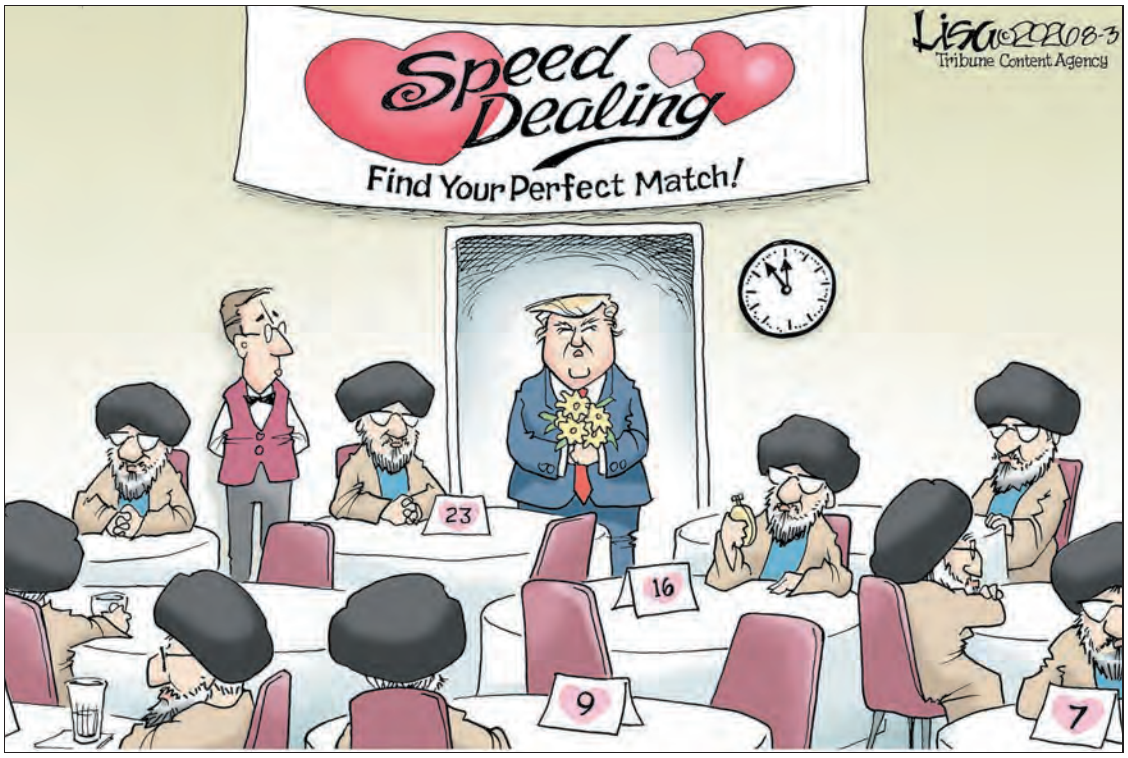

Yes, They *Are* Commies

RICH LOWRY

SOMETIMES a red scare isn't such a bad thing.

Over the last several weeks President Trump has been issuing five-alarm-fire warnings claiming the Democratic Socialists of America are really just communists — and his opponents have blasted him for the worst sort of McCarthyism.

Trump's rhetoric has been blunderbuss and over-the-top, but the DSA *does* have a communist problem. The DSA is a matryoshka doll of subversion: It is attempting to infiltrate and take over the Democratic Party (with some success), while Marxists are infiltrating and taking over the DSA (also with some success).

In other words, the most important movement within the Democratic Party is in the process of falling under the control of communists. Over the last few years, they have established a majority on the DSA's National Political Committee, its governing board.

As recent reports in The Atlantic warning about the direction of the DSA have noted, this is not in keeping with the original vision of the organization. The late Michael Harrington was the biggest founding figure of the DSA, and he was a genuinely democrat socialist. (The need for the adjective "democratic" before "socialist" stems from the fact that so many varieties of socialism are undemocratic.)

A 20th-century intellectual and organizer, Harrington came to prominence with his 1962 book on poverty in the United States, "The Other America." Harrington's policy prescriptions may have been misbegotten, but he wasn't a hater with totalitarian tendencies or an opponent of Western civilization obsessed with destroying Israel — in fact, he was pro-Zionism.

Harrington and similarly battle-hardened socialists of his generation had plenty of experience watching social organizations get penetrated and destroyed by Marxists-Leninists via the process that Trotskyites called "entryism." So they wrote a provision into the DSA's bylaws allowing for the expulsion of anyone "under the discipline of any self-defined democratic-centralist organization."

Now, that measure has been repealed. Pro-Harrington members of the DSA formed a group called the North Star caucus to preserve his vision; the hard leftists countered with the Red Star caucus.

Members of Red Star wrote a dispatch a couple of years ago lamenting how the DSA was once upon a time "an anti-communist, Labor Zionist, social democratic organization," and calling on "all communists in the United States to join us in the democratic struggle within the DSA." Sure, they admitted, the DSA isn't perfect, but "as communists contest for and win hegemony within the organization, we continue to move toward a revolutionary horizon."

It wasn't bluster: The orientation of the DSA has changed in recent years. As far as an animating spirit, it's "goodbye, Michael Harrington" and "hello, Hasan Piker" — the left-wing influencer who thinks fondly of Chairman Mao and of anti-Israel terror groups.

True to its new posture, the DSA refused to condemn Hamas after Oct. 7, and the New York City chapter promoted a pro-Hamas rally immediately after the attack. In response, about two dozen long-time members of the DSA, some of them former leaders, quit the group.

"It is time," they wrote, "to find other organizational vehicles to advance an emancipatory, humane democratic socialism." (Good luck.)

All this should matter. Like it or not, the DSA is not a fringe group with exotic concerns anymore, but a mainstream force nominating Democratic candidates across the country. As such, its internal politics deserve intense scrutiny.

Needless to say, if Republican candidates were pledging fealty to a group increasingly subject to the control of self-professed fascists, it'd be an enormous story — and they'd have to disavow their association. That there isn't such pressure on DSA candidates from the legacy media is testament to how any warning about domestic communism is discounted as groundless alarmism, and how communism — a supposedly idealistic force — doesn't carry the same malodor as fascism.

The Democratic Party isn't about to become a vehicle for communism, but the DSA — the cradle of so many new, attention-getting Democratic candidates — is well on its way.

GOP's Own Platner Puts Party in a Pickle

BETHANY MANDEL

WASHINGTON is the hardest city in the world in which to keep a secret, as Rep. Max Miller now knows all too well. Rumors have reverberated on Capitol Hill for years that domestic violence allegations against the two-term Ohio Republican would soon explode.

Now they've hit the fan, in the ugliest imaginable way — and Republicans must choose between principles and party loyalties.

This past weekend, Miller and Ohio Sen. Bernie Moreno, his former father-in-law, released dueling statements about alleged abuse during Miller's marriage to the senator's daughter. They came two weeks after Mother Jones published a damning report based on 1,000 pages of court documents from the contentious divorce proceedings between Miller and Emily Moreno, his now ex-wife.

Miller has been accused of assaulting a romantic partner in the past: Stephanie Grisham, a White House press secretary during President Trump's first term, has made accusations against Miller, too — and has now filed a restraining order against him. Worse, the injuries Moreno described to police came up as part of a child-abuse investigation into their 2-year-old daughter's broken collarbone.

In Sunday's video statement, Miller — positioning himself in front of a backdrop of child artwork — tried to brush off his ex-wife's claims by saying she'd offered to cook him dinner just days after one alleged physical altercation. Anyone familiar with domestic violence saw a tell: Victims often try to placate an abuser as a means of defusing tensions.

The whispers have been circulating around Washington for years — and have sometimes even oozed into the open. "You're a woman beater," former Republican Rep. George Santos yelled at Miller during a 2023 argument on the House floor.

“Republicans must choose between principles and party loyalties.”

Republicans have known Miller is problematic at best. Now they're faced with the calculation Democrats were forced to make just weeks ago, when their hopes for control of the Senate hung in the balance.

Last month Democrats finally jettisoned Graham Platner, their popular candidate in Maine, whose checkered past, Nazi tattoo and credible accusations of partner violence weren't enough to drive him off the ticket. Not until a second woman made a sickening allegation of rape did Democrats finally draw a line and declare they were no longer comfortable having Platner carry a D behind his name, representing the party and its values on the national stage.

This week, Republicans must grapple with a similar question. The GOP's commitment to family values has long been the core of its electoral strength. The party has promised to translate that commitment into policies that make it easier and more appealing for Americans to marry and start families.

Even setting aside the contested allegations, Republicans should seriously consider whether defending Miller is worth sacrificing their credibility on a defining issue. This is a man who objected in legal proceedings to answering questions like, "Admit that you referred to the childbirth of your daughter as 'setting your playground on fire.'"

President Trump, to his credit, appears to recognize the problem. On Monday he declined to defend Miller, calling the accusations "a very sad thing," adding, "I'm going to let the families figure that out."

There's political reality, too: Just as Platner's polling had sunk in the days before his ouster, Miller's electoral prospects seem to be fading. "He's down by six," a White House source told Semafor on Monday. "If he cared about the president and the party, he'd drop out."

Sen. Moreno, meanwhile, has faced criticism for not speaking publicly before now. But such complaints ignore his family's situation. His daughter was engaged in ongoing, contentious litigation with Miller involving their young child, and Moreno was almost certainly constrained in what he could responsibly say while that played out.

The circumstances changed when Miller took the dispute public. And his decision to do so, followed by Trump's conspicuous refusal to take Miller's side, has changed the political calculus for Republicans who may have heard the rumors but were reluctant to act on them.

They should take the opening without delay. A political party cannot credibly ask Americans to take its values seriously if it refuses to uphold those values when doing so is inconvenient.

Republicans now have a chance to show that "family values" describes a standard they're willing to enforce, not merely a slogan they're willing to campaign on. Some lines ought to matter more than the letter after a politician's name.

The Post Puzzle Page

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A_1 O_1 R_1 L_1 G_2 N_1 F_4 RACK 1

O_1 O_1 M_3 S_1 D_2 S_1 B_3 1st Letter Triple RACK 2

E_1 U_1 T_1 G_2 L_1 N_1 F_4 Double Word Score RACK 3

E_1 E_1 E_1 E_1 F_4 R_1 R_1 RACK 4

PAR SCORE 150-160
BEST SCORE 210

FOUR RACK TOTAL ______
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

TODAY'S ANSWER

SCRABBLE GRAMS

SOLUTION								
RACK 1 =	F_4	L_1	A_1	G_2	O_1	N_1		10
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RACK 3 =	F_4	U_1	L_1	G_2	E_1	N_1	T_1	72
RACK 4 =	R_1	E_1	F_4	E_1	R_1	E_1	E_1	60
TOTAL								210

PAR SCORE 150-160

Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 Letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

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To solve a Su Doku, you must put a number from 1 to 9, in each empty box.

Each number must appear once in each horizontal row, as well as in each vertical column and in each of the 3-by-3 grids. Impossible? Not once you get the hang of it. Tips and in depth strategies at ***www.SudokuWiki.org***

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Very Easy #7,361

1		9				2		6
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7	4		5	8			1	3
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Difficult #7,151

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		5				8	4	
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	6	8	2		9			
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Bridge

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ J 10 5 2
♡ A K 9
◇ K 7 4
♣ K J 3

WEST
♠ 6 3
♡ Q 10 4
◇ Q J 9 6 3
♣ 9 6 5

EAST
♠ 8 4
♡ J 8
◇ A 10 8 2
♣ A Q 10 7 2

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 9 7
♡ 7 6 5 3 2
◇ 5
♣ 8 4

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All Pass

Opening lead – ◇ Q

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"I opened a can of worms, and nothing happened. They just sat there. Hardly the chaos that was advertised." — graffiti.

Open a can of worms on the opening trick and expect problems. Today's West led the queen of diamonds against four spades, and South got out his can opener when he played low from dummy. East signaled with the deuce, and West shifted to a club. East took the queen and ace, and South also lost a heart.

"Play the king on the first diamond," North said, "so West can't shift to a club."

"Wouldn't matter," South shrugged. "He leads a club when he wins his heart trick."

Once South let the worms out of the can at Trick One, he couldn't put them back in. He must play the king of diamonds. East wins and returns a diamond, and South ruffs, draws trumps and leads a heart.

If West plays low, South plays dummy's nine, passing his heart loser to East. If West plays an honor, South takes the king, ruffs a diamond and leads a second heart to dummy's nine.

Word Force

PAPERCLIP

From the word or phrase above, form **AT LEAST 12** five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank (not both).

ANSWERS IN TOMORROW'S POST

Yesterday's word:

ALLIGATOR

allot
altar
aorta
atoll
gloat
grail
grill
largo
raita
ratio
tiara
trail
trial
trill
troll

Wonderword

How to play: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **Circle their letters only. Do not circle the word.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

SOME FAMOUS BRAND NAMES — Solution: 12 letters

Y	O	C	O	C	A	C	O	L	A	S	S	E	U	G
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C	R	F	I	L	A	P	C	U	P	N	V	I	I	M
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V	O	O	I	T	T	A	G	U	B	S	H	F	O	U
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Yesterday's Answer: All of It

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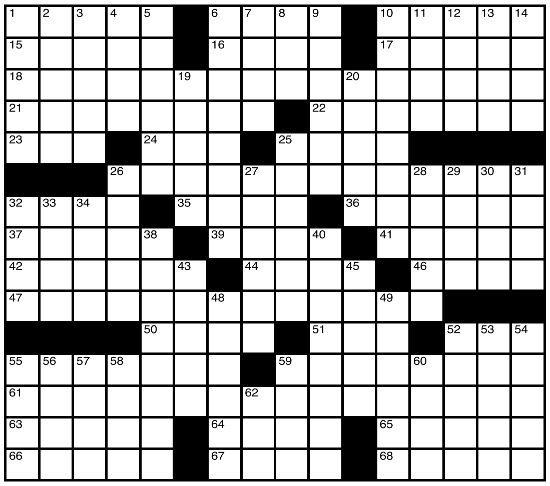

Across

1 Mess up
6 Beer foam
10 Golden Arches sandwich
15 Sneeze sound
16 Upfront stake
17 Family, in Hawaiian
18 First lesson in "How To DJ"?
21 Summer shirts
22 "Let me say it again ... "
23 Antlered grazer
24 Trauma ctrs.
25 Vocalized
26 First lesson in "Plumbing: A Beginner's Guide"?
32 Rights org.
35 Uttered
36 Mexican state on the Gulf of California
37 Leap happily
39 Some jeans
41 Lute in Hindi cinema
42 Hosts
44 2022 Super Bowl winners
46 Forecast no.
47 First lesson in "Sport Climbing and You"?
50 Like Death Valley
51 Coconut __
52 Poke bowl protein
55 Home exercise bike brand
59 Natural disaster, legally
61 First lesson in "A Handbook of Competitive Eating"?
63 More frigid
64 Ingredient in a cooling lotion
65 Locations for Christmas lights
66 Welcome relief on a hot day
67 Scottish lids
68 High-protein grain

Down

1 Slather with butter, perhaps
2 In base eight
3 "You'll __ me someday"
4 Winery keepsake
5 Throat-soothing brew
6 Ice dweller off the coast of Greenland
7 Actress Mireille
8 Self-serve bank device
9 "You are my fire / The one __": "I Want It That Way" opening lyrics
10 Cherries atop Black Forest cake
11 Crack, as lips
12 Assign stars to
13 Cuzco civilization
14 Thai currency whose symbol was once used to represent Bitcoin
19 Tined flatware
20 Dice game
25 "Heavens!"
26 Guitar peg, e.g.
27 Like the rice terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras
28 Bushels and pecks
29 Scribbled reminder
30 Family nickname
31 Wyatt of Tombstone
32 Biblical brother
33 "Follow me"
34 Pixar film about a young sea monster
38 Unfold, as a protein
40 Makes out
43 Sharpen on a leather belt
45 Ill will
48 Suggest
49 Gets married by Elvis, perhaps
52 Tequila plant
53 Guest spot?
54 Namely
55 Trident-shaped letters
56 __ A Sketch
57 Skywalker raised on Alderaan
58 Pointed column
59 Chemistry class model
60 Try to fly
62 Lisbon greeting

C	O	B	S	■	■	A	S	P	C	A	■	B	L	T
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PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

June jobs dip

US job openings declined slightly in June, but the stats were still broadly indicative of a stable labor market after June's weaker-than-expected payroll report. The Labor Department said available positions fell slightly to 7.4 million from May's 7.5 million.

AMD spurned

Advanced Micro Devices saw its shares fall more than 8% after hours despite record quarterly sales, after SpaceX chief Elon Musk said his firm would no longer buy the company's chips.

Wegovy pain

US-traded shares of Novo Nordisk slumped 6% due to a sales shortfall for its new Wegovy weight-loss pill and a disappointing study outcome for a next-generation weight-loss drug.

Bezos $elling

Amazon founder Jeff Bezos is gearing up to sell 15 million shares of company stock — amounting to roughly $4 billion — under a prescheduled trading plan. Amazon shares slipped 2%.

Tariffs sting

Barbie maker Mattel topped second-quarter sales estimates and reaffirmed its annual forecasts, but tariff-related costs led to a quarterly loss.

Sources: Reuters, Dow Jones, AP

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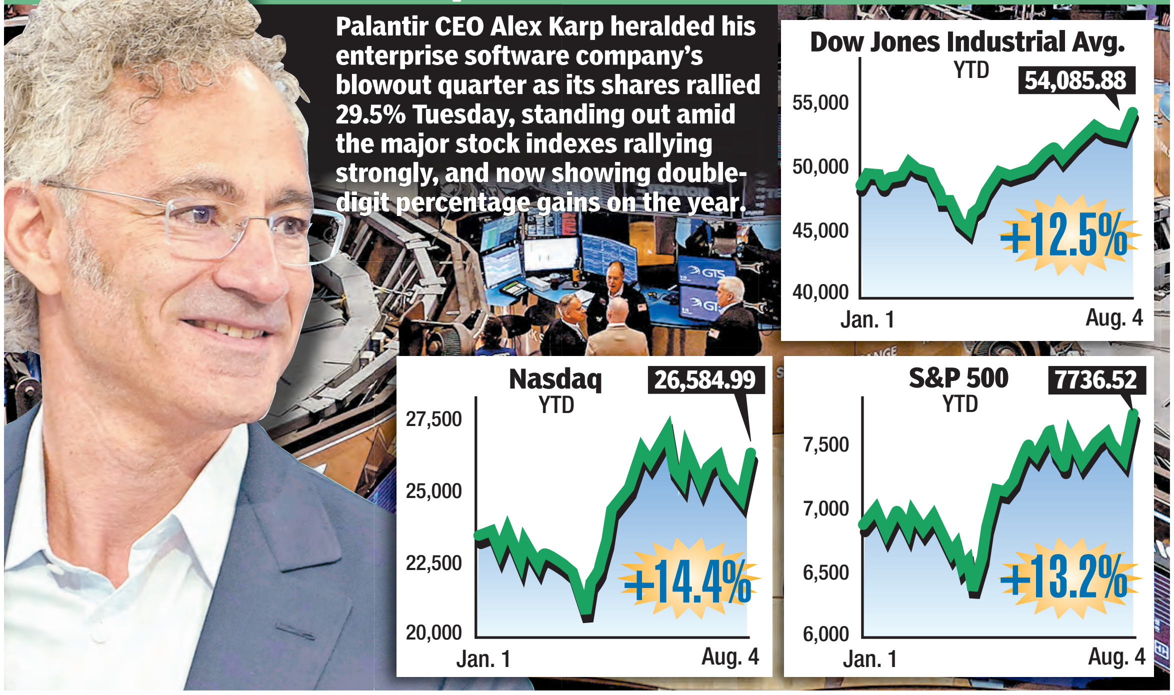
Markets smash records on Iran deal hopes

By TAYLOR HERZLICH

Top tier for Palantir



Palantir CEO Alex Karp heralded his enterprise software company's blowout quarter as its shares rallied 29.5% Tuesday, standing out amid the major stock indexes rallying strongly, and now showing double-digit percentage gains on the year.

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Traders had reason to break out the champagne Tuesday, with both the Dow and S&P 500 hitting new records.

Stocks soared as Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent signaled a deal with Iran was near, sending oil prices sliding, and tech futures ripped higher as Palantir reported massive earnings.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average surged 907 points, or 1.7%, closing at a record high for the second day in a row. The S&P jumped 1.8%, marking its first record since June. The Nasdaq, meanwhile, notched an impressive 2.6% gain.

Shares of Palantir rallied an eye-popping 29.5% Tuesday after it reported massive earnings on strong demand for AI tools, leading tech stocks higher in the session.

CEO Alex Karp called it an "otherworldly" quarter as the enterprise software company reported 93% growth in overall revenue to $1.94 billion, including a 149% jump in commercial revenue to $764 million.

He added that the "sovereign AI revolution makes us very optimistic about the future" and predicted full-year revenue of more than $8 billion.

Caterpillar revs ahead

Shares of Caterpillar soared 5.6% after the equipment giant reported better-than-expected earnings and raised its annual revenue forecast on huge demand for construction equipment amid the race to build massive AI data centers.

The company also said it expects tariff costs to come in at the low end of a previously disclosed range.

Other AI-exposed stocks like Marvell Technology, Micron, Microsoft and Nvidia rose 13%, 8%, 5% and 3%, respectively.

It's the latest in a blowout earnings season, as more than 84% of S&P 500 companies that have reported earnings have surpassed expectations, according to FactSet.

On Monday, the Dow closed at a record high while Amazon broke past a $3 trillion market cap for the first time.

Traders have also been betting on a peaceful outcome to the Iran war after months of uncertainty.

"We are in talks with the Iranians," Bessent told CNBC's "Squawk Box" Tuesday morning. "There is a chance we may have a deal today or tomorrow to open the Strait [of Hormuz] and move towards a more normalized position in this conflict."

He emphasized that any deal would restore "freedom of movement" through the strait, a vital maritime route for 20% of the world's oil supplies, seemingly guaranteeing that Iran will not be allowed to charge ships for safe passage.

Brent crude oil prices fell 5.3% to $79.30 a barrel while West Texas Intermediate crude dipped 5.4% to $76.04, and Bessent predicted prices could plunge even further as hundreds of ships stuck in the Persian Gulf start to move.

"It's not just energy. It's fertilizer, it's refined products, it is the various industrial gases," Bessent said. "We could see a big relief trade as those prices go down."

Still, it's not all champagne and caviar on the horizon.

Transportation costs are likely to keep going up, the head of trucking company Schneider National predicted Tuesday.

And AI jitters remain. SpaceX, which has heavily invested in artificial intelligence, posted better-than-expected quarterly revenues, but a net loss of half a billion dollars after the bell Tuesday.

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Wins, losses in first SpaceX grades

SpaceX on Tuesday showed its first report card since its blockbuster market debut in June, notching a 92% surge in revenue despite losing $541 million in the second quarter. The earnings report capped a rocky couple of months on the public market amid Wall Street jitters over the huge run-up in AI spending.

Elon Musk's company, which has grand ambitions like building data centers in space and colonizing Mars, posted an operating loss of $143 million and an earnings-per-share loss of nine cents, beating analyst expectations of a loss per share of 26 cents.

The update marked the first time Musk's rocket company has reported earnings since it listed shares at $150 in June and raised $86 billion in its record-setting IPO.

Since then, the company's stock has plunged roughly 24%, wiping out some $500 billion in value.

The majority of SpaceX's revenue last year — and its only profitable segment — came from its connectivity business, which includes Starlink satellite internet service.

"It's not out of the question that, at some point, Starlink will deliver a majority of the world's internet," Musk said.

Marc Vartabedian

Zo can't topple Griffin tower

Mayor Mamdani's blindside attack on Ken Griffin failed to derail plans for a $4.5 billion skyscraper home for Griffin's Citadel companies.

The new tower at 350 Park Ave. will go up as planned, according to Steven Roth, the CEO of Griffin's major partner Vornado Realty Trust.

He said in the publicly traded real-estate company's second-quarter earnings call Tuesday that he expects the joint-venture development agreement among Vornado, Griffin (right) and minority partner Rudin to close in September.

Roth said, "We have a $3.3 billion construction loan ready to go" for the 1.8 million-square-foot, 1,600-foot-tall cloudbuster designed by Foster + Partners.

Griffin's Citadel and Citadel Securities would be anchor tenants with about 850,000 square feet.

Demolition of the old 350 Park Ave. and 40 E. 52nd St. is underway to make way for the new tower, as Roth noted.

Questions were raised about the project's future after Mamdani made a video in April disparaging Griffin for owning a $200 million condo apartment on Central Park South.

Griffin said his participation in 350 Park Ave. was "under review" following the hit.

Steve Cuozzo

'Racism' cited for book kill

An author who lost a $2 million book deal over allegations he may have used AI to write it is denying the claims, saying they are racially motivated.

Jerry Falade, a grad student at Southern Methodist University, spoke out on Tuesday after his own reps pulled the plug on the sale of his first crime novel, "Call Me, I'll Hide the Body."

"Definitely innocent!!!" he wrote in an Instagram story. "They CAN'T and WON'T stop this Black boy's light from shining!!" he wrote in a second post.

In a series of social media posts, he said claims against him are part of a historical pattern of diminishing the intellectual contributions of people of color.

Fourteen publishers had bet on the US rights for Falade's debut novel, and he ultimately inked a deal with Minotaur, a Macmillan US imprint for a reported $2 million. HarperCollins Publishers won the UK rights.

Not long after the deals closed, Falade's agent at Europa Content notified the publishers in a letter that he could no longer support the book after concerns were raised about the author's possible use of AI to write it.

Falade told The Wall Street Journal that he only used AI for research, "and not for writing the book itself." *Alexandra Steigrad*

Broadway revival

Diner 24 (with singing waiters) returns to Theater Dist.

By JENNIFER GOULD

Diner 24 is getting an encore of sorts, opening new digs in New York City's Theater District where customers will be serenaded by singing waiters while chowing down on classic eats, Side Dish has learned.

The new two-story space is set to open late next month at 1674 Broadway, a landmarked building between 52nd and 53rd streets, run by the Emmes Group.

"Think 'Zorba the Greek,' 'Mamma Mia,' and 'My Big Fat Greek Wedding,'" said proprietor Stratis Morfogen. "That's not a Broadway show, but it is theatrical and great entertainment. There will be lots of fun stuff."

Still, customers will be able to get an authentic experience while they eat — five of about 16 singing waiters hired so far have Broadway and off-Broadway experience, according to the restaurateur.

"They don't have steady work, and that's why they want to do this now," Morfogen explained.

The original Diner 24 in Gramercy was famed for its "church ladies" — grandmas known as yia yias in Greek — who came out of retirement to make homemade Greek desserts from their own recipes.

The Theater District space will seat 235 people with an additional 16 seats outside. It includes a stage upstairs with a 20-foot runway that divides the booths for the performers to be elevated above the guests, with stage lighting.

"I want it to feel like an off-Broadway play," Morfogen said. "There will be so much energy upstairs. We have great food and the performances. It's exciting for the consumer. It's dinner and a show and the only place on Broadway where the show never closes."

Another restaurateur had invested millions in the space and walked away during a friends-and-family week — and that's when the Emmes Group reached out, according to Morfogen.

They worked out a revenue-sharing model for rent and a strategy including pricing, which will be slightly higher at the new spot than in Gramercy.

"We are confident that sales in the area will be robust," Morfogen said.

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A Fork & A Tune

DINER 24
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Diner 24, originally in Gramercy, will return next month to 1674 Broadway with singing waiters (many with Broadway and off-Broadway experience) providing a show that the restaurant's owner says will be "great entertainment" with "lots of fun stuff."

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McDimmed Q2 earnings

McDonald's on Tuesday missed US sales growth expectations for the second quarter, blaming execution lapses that blunted its value push aimed at lower-income consumers who have been cutting back restaurant spending.

CEO Chris Kempczinski said weak promotion of value deals and a pullback in digital deals, led to a drop in visits from loyal customers.

US same-store sales grew 0.8%, below analysts' estimates of a 1.06% rise and last year's pace of 2.5%.

"We don't have a strategy problem, we simply didn't execute at the level we needed to in the second quarter," Kempczinski said.

McDonald's named insider Skye Anderson to lead the US business, replacing Joe Erlinger and betting on an executive with extensive experience across operations and international markets. *Reuters*

BMW Spidey 'dash'pute

BMW owners are tearing into the luxury automaker after it pushed an ad for the new "Spider-Man" movie onto dashboard screens in cars they had already paid tens of thousands of dollars to own.

The full-screen animation — delivered through BMW's main Control Display — triggered an immediate backlash from drivers who accused the German automaker of treating privately owned vehicles like rented advertising space.

"Paying 50-100k for a car, yet still getting ADs," one furious Reddit user wrote. "Next we need adblocker for cars."

The anger was fueled by BMW's prior pledge that it wouldn't sell space on its in-car screens to advertisers.

BMW, which has stressed that the animation doesn't autoplay, didn't respond for comment. *Ariel Zilber*

Chipotle tie to outbreak

Here we go again.

Mexican fast-food chain Chipotle is replacing jalapeños at some eateries amid a salmonella outbreak in Minnesota, the company said Tuesday.

About 110 people have been sickened just in Minnesota — with 75 of them having eaten at a Chipotle, Bloomberg reported.

"The jalapeños in question were sent to several food service retailers across multiple states," Chipotle said.

Shares tumbled 10% on Tuesday. *Lisa Fickenscher*

DAVID ELLISON
Paramount Skydance boss.

‘Political’ antitrust suit: CEO

Paramount Skydance CEO David Ellison is arguing that an antitrust lawsuit that threatens to derail his company’s takeover of Warner Bros. Discovery comes down to his perceived politics, and the merger’s potential impact on CNN.

Writing in a New York Times op-ed published Tuesday, Ellison said he believes the suit and criticism of the deal are not about market share, but about his pending ownership of the cable news channel.

“I believe that anyone who oversees a news organization — I am chief executive of Paramount, which owns CBS — shouldn’t put a finger on the scale, especially on matters involving his own company,” he wrote. Ellison voiced commitment to producing news that’s “straight down the middle.”

A California federal judge has set the antitrust trial to begin March 2. Paramount reported mixed quarterly results, with higher streaming and studio revenue offsetting declines in television. *Alexandra Steigrad*

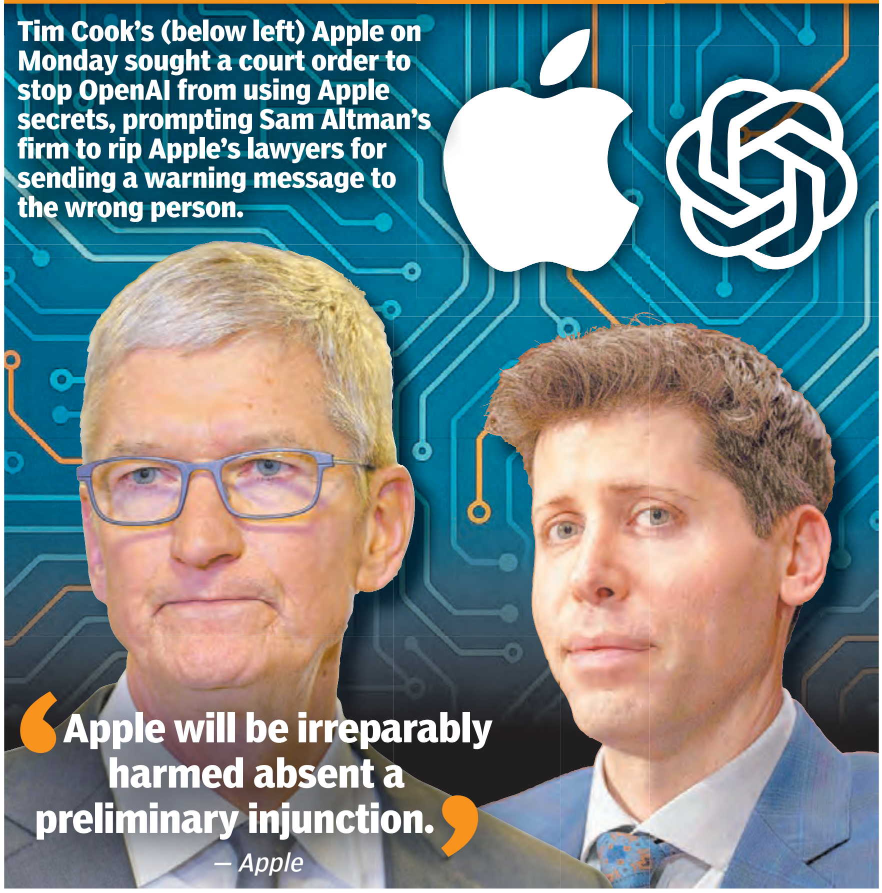
Spotify’s milestone

Spotify reached a milestone of 300 million premium subscribers while increasing revenue by 14% year-over-year.

But shares slid nearly 2% Tuesday after the company reported increased costs tied to new AI-powered features on its streaming app and forecast lower subscriber growth than Wall Street expected. Overall, Spotify added 16 million users in the quarter. *Wires*

Name blame

Tim Cook’s (below left) Apple on Monday sought a court order to stop OpenAI from using Apple secrets, prompting Sam Altman’s firm to rip Apple’s lawyers for sending a warning message to the wrong person.



‘Apple will be irreparably harmed absent a preliminary injunction.’
— Apple

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OpenAI slices Apple err-mail

By JAMES FRANEY

Apple has asked a federal judge to slam the brakes on OpenAI’s hardware ambitions, leading the ChatGPT maker to fire back that the iPhone giant’s own lawyers couldn’t even email the right Asian executive over the issue.

The Cupertino, Calif., behemoth sought a court order late Monday barring OpenAI and two former Apple staffers from accessing, using or sharing what it claims are stolen trade secrets.

“Apple will be irreparably harmed absent a preliminary injunction,” it said in the filing.

Hours later, OpenAI hit back with a blistering blog post that branded the suit “careless, aggressive and oddly personal” — and accused Tim Cook’s Apple of botching basic facts.

Apple had claimed it warned OpenAI about the alleged theft in February and heard nothing back. Those charges were denied by the Sam Altman-led firm.

OpenAI said Apple now concedes its attorneys contacted the wrong person and came clean only after the artificial-intelligence giant pointed out the blunder.

Goofed up

“Apple had claimed that they contacted OpenAI in February and that we didn’t respond,” OpenAI said.

“They now admit that their outside lawyers emailed the wrong person after confusing two Asian last names — only after we brought this to their attention.”

Emails published by OpenAI show Weil, Gotshal & Manges partner Gabriel Gross sent his warning letter to OpenAI general counsel Che Chang instead of a former Apple employee surnamed Wang.

Gross also thanked Chang for a phone call that OpenAI says never took place, which is a claim it says Apple has since walked back.

A baffled Chang forwarded the note to Apple’s in-house lawyers, writing that he had never spoken to Gross and did not know who he was.

Gross later apologized for the mix-up and said Wang had offered to cooperate. Neither firm has further identified Wang.

Then, OpenAI said, Apple went silent for five months, until the iPhone maker sued July 10.

The suit names Chang Liu, a former senior system electrical engineer, and Tang Yew Tan, Apple’s ex-vice president of product design who now leads OpenAI’s hardware effort.

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TECH ‘JUNKIE’ JUSTICE

Tik ‘addicts’ settle

By THOMAS BARRABI

TikTok reportedly has settled three lawsuits brought by teenagers who accused the company of fueling a mental-health crisis by implementing addictive features on the popular social media app.

The three bellwether cases were part of a wave of roughly 3,300 suits in Los Angeles Superior Court filed against TikTok, YouTube parent Google, Instagram and Facebook parent Meta, and Snapchat.

The tech firms are accused of getting kids hooked on social media despite harmful effects that include anxiety, depression, eating disorders and self-harm.

The terms of the settlements, reported by Reuters, are confidential and subject to the finalization of written agreements, plaintiffs’ attorneys Joseph VanZandt of Beasley Allen and Emily Jeffcott of Morgan & Morgan said in a joint statement. They said the teens remain plaintiffs in other cases.

“Each plaintiff maintains claims against Meta, YouTube and Snap, with those trials scheduled to proceed in October,” the lawyers said.

TikTok didn’t return a request for comment.

The settlement plaintiffs are all identified by their initials in legal documents because they were minors at the time of the claims.

They included a 15-year-old girl from Illinois, a 15-year-old from New Jersey and an 18-year-old from Mississippi.

All three alleged that they developed eating disorders, self-harm, anxiety and depression as a direct result of their social media addictions.

2,600 fed cases

The wave of cases brought in state court, and a separate tranche of more than 2,600 federal cases in California, have been hailed by critics as a “Big Tobacco moment” for tech firms who, they say, have long skirted accountability for the public harm caused by their apps.

Meta and Google suffered a major setback in March when they lost the first bellwether case brought in Los Angeles on behalf of a teen identified as KGM. Meta was ordered to pay $4.2 million, while Google was ordered to pay $1.8 million.

The two companies have denied wrongdoing and have vowed to appeal.

TikTok and Snap originally also were defendants in that case, but reached settlements before going to trial. *With Wires*

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$3.2M hiring bias penalty

OpenAI will pay $3.2 million to settle claims by the Justice Department that it discriminated against US workers by allegedly favoring temporary visa holders from other countries.

The DOJ said OpenAI and subsidiary Statsig recruited foreign workers for some open positions and took various steps to discourage US workers from applying. *Wires*

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The bond ordinance, a summary of which is published herewith, has been passed by the Nassau County Legislature on August 7, 2023 and became an ordinance on August 9, 2023 with the approval of the Nassau Deputy County Executive acting for the Nassau County Executive, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such ordinance may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Nassau, New York is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

A complete copy of the bond ordinance summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Nassau County Legislature for a period of twenty (20) days from the date of publication of this notice.

Michael C. Pulitzer
Clerk of the Legislature

ORDINANCE NO. 44-2023

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TO FINANCE THE CAPITAL PROJECTS IDENTIFIED HEREIN WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU AND AUTHORIZING $219,792,000 OF BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU TO FINANCE SAID EXPENDITURE PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW OF NEW YORK AND THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY

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90042	County Clerk Office Improvements	$350,000	25
90044	Comptroller Office Improvements	$350,000	25
90401	Various County Facilities - Electrical Construction	$1,400,000	10
90402	Various County Facilities - HVAC Construction	$1,067,000	10
90405	Various County Facilities - Demolition	$1,000,000	10
90618	Various County Buildings Roof Renovation	$1,400,000	25
90632	Family & Matrimonial Court	$17,000,000	25
90644	Various HVAC Improvement Park Facilities	$2,250,000	10
63035	Sands Point Bridge	$200,000	20
66309	Nassau County Parking Field 14 and South Drive	$11,500,000	10
41829	Various Parks Outdoor Lighting Rehabilitation	$3,000,000	15
41858	County Pools Improvements and Code Compliance	$5,000,000	15
50680	Police Department Precincts & Auxiliary Precincts Renovation and Modernization	$33,575,000	25
50699	Police Academy	$3,000,000	25
50702	Police Department Taser	$50,000	5
51037	Correctional Center Master Plan	$12,000,000	25
52029	Fire Marshal Fleet Replacement	$300,000	3
72490	Fire Service Academy, Various Improvements	$750,000	25
61126	Merrick Road, Bellmore Road Improvements	$14,500,000	15
61138	Shore Road, Glen Cove Streetscape and Calming	$700,000	15
61141	Rockaway Ave, Garden City Road Reconfiguration	$100,000	15
61149	Bellmore Avenue Rehabilitation	$100,000	15
61587	Resurfacing Various County Roads	$10,000,000	15
62201	Traffic Calming Improvements	$250,000	20
62209	Cuttermill Road Traffic Safety Improvements	$3,500,000	20
62213	Dutch Broadway Traffic Study	$150,000	20
62223	Lido Blvd Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements Construction	$1,100,000	20
62227	Bayville Avenue, Bayville Traffic Calming and Streetscape Improvements	$350,000	20
62459	Traffic Signal Expansion Phase III	$150,000	20
35101	Lateral Sewer Repair	$15,000,000	40
35132	Lawrence Drainage Pipe Improvements	$550,000	40
35135	Collection System Infiltration and Inflow	$3,000,000	40
3C067	Cedar Creek Equipment Replacement	$50,000,000	40
35100	Bay Park & Cedar Creek Digester Rehabilitation	$22,000,000	40
82017	Bay Park/East Rockaway Drainage Improvements	$900,000	40
82020	Drainage Stream Corridors Phase II	$3,250,000	40

Total Maximum Estimated Costs: $219,792,000
Total amount of obligations to be issued: $219,792,000

NASSAU COUNTY
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of Maravedi LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/14/2026. Office location: Nassau County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Brian Mulada: mulada@us.ibm.com. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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The bond ordinance, a summary of which is published herewith, has been passed by the Nassau County Legislature on January 23, 2023 and became an ordinance on February 1, 2023 with the approval of the Nassau Deputy County Executive acting for the Nassau County Executive, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such ordinance may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Nassau, New York is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

A complete copy of the bond ordinance summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Nassau County Legislature for a period of twenty (20) days from the date of publication of this notice.

Michael C. Pulitzer
Clerk of the Legislature

ORDINANCE NO. 9-A-2023

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TO FINANCE THE CAPITAL PROJECTS IDENTIFIED HEREIN WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU AND AUTHORIZING $424,869,902 OF BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU TO FINANCE SAID EXPENDITURE PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW OF NEW YORK AND THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY

Project Number	Class of objects or purposes:	Maximum Estimated Cost of Purpose / Maximum Obligations of Purpose:	Period of probable usefulness:
90023	Various County Buildings Backflow Prevention	$737,226	10
90025	Rehabilitation of Aquatic Center Building	$1,000,000	20
90043	One West Street Rehabilitation Phase II	$100,000	25
90044	Comptroller Office Improvements	$500,000	25
90046	1550 Franklin Avenue Security Upgrades	$795,000	10
90047	Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	$73,296	5
90048	County Clerk High Density Storage	$4,500,000	15
90400	Various County Facilities - General Construction	$4,033,000	25
90401	Various County Facilities - Electrical Construction	$1,000,000	10
90403	Various County Facilities - Plumbing Construction	$475,000	10
90404	Various County Facilities - Fire Alarm/Protection and Security Systems	$2,500,000	10
90405	Various County Facilities -Demolition	$500,000	10
90406	Various County Facilities -Design	$600,000	5
90407	Various County Facilities - Elevators	$3,525,000	10
90409	Various County Buildings - Gas Monitor Systems	$1,200,000	10
90612	Generator Upgrade -Various Buildings	$100,000	10
90617	Various County Buildings Electric Service & Engineering Upgrade	$106,562	5
90618	Various County Buildings Roof Renovation	$1,267,000	25
90625	Various Asbestos & Lead Abatement	$750,000	10
90638	Nassau County Housing Improvements	$2,000,000	25
90642	400 County Seat Drive Boilers & Heating and AC System Renovations	$400,000	10
90981	Americans/Disabilities Act- Phase II (Construction)	$1,135,902	20
92049	CUP Upgrades	$500,000	25
70050	NCC Master Plan Phase II Construction	$269,206	25
70060	NCC Energy Initiative	$750,000	10
70071	NCC Sports Fields and Physical Education Facility Renovation	$500,000	25
70073	NCC Fire Alarm Upgrade	$150,000	10
70074	NCC Rehabilitation Water Damaged Buildings Phase I	$490,000	25
70084	NCC Health &Safety	$250,250	25
70088	NCC Cluster Modernization	$775,000	25
70089	NCC Space Consolidation	$1,875,000	25
70092	NCC Road and Parking Paving	$1,250,000	10
70093	NCC Window Replacement	$250,000	25
70095	NCC Library Renovation	$500,000	5
70096	NCC Infrastructure and Master Plan	$250,000	5
70098	NCC Information Technology Infrastructure	$1,500,000	5
70101	NCC IT Infrastructure and Equipment Upgrades	$2,000,000	5
70102	NCC Various Security Upgrades	$1,000,000	10
70103	NCC Various Facility Upgrades	$500,000	25
70105	NCC Various Facility Upgrades Phase II	$600,000	25
70106	NCC Academic Department Renovations	$2,500,000	25
70108	NCC ADA Compliance	$500,000	25
70112	NCC Roof Replacement Program	$250,000	25
70114	NCC Campus Building Systems Upgrades	$500,000	25
70116	NCC High Temperature Hot Water System Emergency Repairs	$500,000	10
70120	NCC Emergency Ramp/Tunnel Repair	$200,000	20
70121	NCC Theater Building Renovation	$200,000	25
70122	NCC Restroom Renovations	$50,000	25
70123	NCC Greenhouse Renovation	$125,000	25
70124	NCC Emergency Renovations/Replacements	$250,000	25
14009	Medical Examiner Morgue Equipment	$498,000	5
14010	Medical Examiner Case Management Database Update	$320,000	5
14011	Laboratory Instrumentation	$910,000	5
98060	Road Maintenance Equipment Replacement	$2,500,000	15
98065	DPW Fleet Garage Equipment	$150,000	15
98092	Snow Removal Truck Replacement	$6,000,000	15
98105	Fleet Management Life Cycle Vehicle Replacement	$4,239,000	3
98180	Mosquito Control Equipment	$600,000	15
98341	Office Equipment Replacement Program	$500,000	5
98347	Traffic Management Equipment	$100,000	20
98349	Countywide Equipment Acquisition or Replacement Program	$1,000,000	15
63029	Bridge Rehabilitation Program	$20,624,280	40
63034	Saddle Rock Bridge	$300,000	40
63036	Rehabilitation of Cuttermill/Bayview Bridge	$13,710,400	40
63037	Long Beach Bridge	$3,150,000	40
63400	Civil Site Studies	$3,550,000	5
66016	Countywide Tree Management Program	$400,000	5
66017	Countywide Fencing Improvements	$625,000	5
66051	Pedestrian Accessibility	$425,000	15
66302	Requirements Contract Roads/Drainage/Bridge/Joints	$7,000,000	15
66308	Bayville Avenue, Sayville Pedestrian Walkway	$250,000	10
68001	Water Mains and Appurtenances	$750,000	40
81011	Hazardous Waste Response Fund Phase II	$2,626,233	15
81060	County Storage Tank Replacement Program	$500,000	10
90058	Renewable Energy Initiatives	$500,000	5
91069	Haypath Road Trail	$300,000	15
91077	Pedestrian and Bicycle Pathway	$1,167,122	15
92039	Solar and Electric Vehicle Study	$1,000,000	5
99206	Various County Projects	$5,700,000	5
41009	Polaris Field Upgrades	$4,500,000	15
41015	Joysetta & Julius Pearse African American Museum Improvements	$100,000	25
41420	Roslyn Grist Mill Restoration	$66,460	25
41482	Mitchel Field - Rifle Range Improvements	$742,029	15
41716	Tanglewood Park and Preserve Improvements	$500,000	15
41826	Various Parks Preserve Buildings Rehabilitation	$500,000	25
41855	Parks Equipment Replacement	$1,000,000	5
41858	County Pools Improvements and Code Compliance	$1,500,000	15
41864	Park Furnishings	$100,000	15
41869	Various Park Improvements	$4,851,000	15
41871	Various County Dock and Bulkheads	$750,000	30
41872	Wantagh Park Improvements	$350,000	15
41876	Centennial Park Improvements	$1,500,000	15
41887	Museum Renovation and Expansion	$900,000	25
41889	Reverend Arthur Mackey Park Improvements	$250,000	15
41892	West Hempstead PAL Rink Restoration	$500,000	25
41893	Historic Kellogg House Rehabilitation	$500,000	25
41894	Pelini Park - Lighting Improvements	$600,000	15
50320	Marine Bureau Repower Vessels	$326,698	5
50570	Police Department Computer Aided Dispatch System	$3,612,000	10
50590	Police Department Interoperable Radio System	$550,000	10
50617	Police Department and other Agencies Bullet Proof Vests	$1,137,284	5
50619	Police Department Ambulance Replacement	$5,290,000	10
50622	Police Department Specialty Vehicle Replacement	$1,100,000	3
50680	Police Department Precincts & Auxiliary Precincts Renovation and Modernization	$850,000	25
50686	Police Fleet Replacement	$6,700,000	3
50689	Police Department and Other Agencies Firearms	$95,000	5
50698	Police Department IT Infrastructure	$950,000	5
50700	Police Department Headquarters Renovation	$1,000,000	25
50702	Police Department Taser	$2,720,000	5
50703	Police Department Body Cameras	$1,500,000	5
50705	Police Department Ambulance Equipment	$4,600,000	5
51037	Correctional Center Master Plan	$15,600,000	25
51460	Sheriff's Vehicles	$4,450,000	3
52028	Hazmat Vehicle Purchase	$400,000	5
52029	Fire Marshal Fleet Replacement	$700,000	3
53001	First Responder Personal Protection Equipment	$66,000	5
54001	District Attorney Information Technology Infrastructure	$2,785,000	5
54002	Office of the District Attorney Office Improvements	$1,200,000	25
72495	North Woodmere Park Fire Battalion Training Center Improvements	$200,000	25
60045	Park Street Drainage Improvements, Atlantic Beach	$1,759,798	40
60062	East Shore Road Drainage Improvements	$300,000	40
60063	Underhill Boulevard, Syosset Drainage Improvements	$100,000	40
61092	Grand Avenue, Baldwin Phase II	$250,000	15
61111	Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh Road Improvements	$10,250,000	15
61127	Westbury Avenue, Westbury Road Improvements	$2,500,000	15
61134	Woodfield Road, Lakeview - Streetscape and Traffic Improvements	$1,226,400	15
61138	Shore Road, Glen Cove- Streetscape and Traffic Calming	$150,000	15
61139	Long Beach Road Improvements - Phase II	$9,140,000	15
61143	West Broadway Improvements	$2,327,000	15
61152	Linden Blvd., Elmont Traffic Safety Improvements and Streetscape	$1,024,800	5
61154	Stewart Avenue - Bethpage Streetscape	$150,000	15
61155	Merrick Road, Wantagh Streetscape Ph II	$660,000	15
61157	Clinton Road Rehabilitation	$300,000	15
61158	North Jerusalem Avenue, East Meadow Improvements	$300,000	15
61159	Merrick Avenue, East Meadow Improvements	$500,000	15
61570	Remove and Replace Curbs and Sidewalks	$1,400,000	10
61587	Resurfacing Various County Roads	$47,000,000	15
97008	DPW Management Information System	$200,000	5
97103	eGovernment	$1,000,000	5
97104	Disaster Recovery Plan	$501,218	5
97113	Departmental Technology Equipment Replacement	$1,000,000	5
97118	Server and Equipment Consolidation	$250,000	5
97119	Network Infrastructure	$1,500,000	5
97123	Correctional Center Management System	$171,821	5
97124	Integrated Information Management System	$1,321,882	5
97126	Countywide Document Management Program	$300,000	5
97136	HHS Technology Development and Efficiency Program	$1,001,754	5
97139	ERP Financial System	$1,684,332	10
97141	Network Security	$1,250,000	5
62017	Traffic Signal Construction & Modification	$6,000,000	20
62023	South Shore Traffic Signal Improvements	$22,575,000	10
62153	Federal Aid Durable Marking Program	$2,950,000	10
62191	Merrick Road Signal Head Replacement	$439,920	20
62194	Traffic Management Center Upgrades	$200,000	25
62201	Traffic Calming Improvements	$500,000	20
62202	Elmont Road Traffic Safety Improvements and Streetscape	$500,000	20
62222	Nassau Sled Traffic Calming &Safety Improvements	$1,500,000	20
62224	Brookside Ave Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements Construction	$500,000	20
62226	Sheridan Boulevard, Inwood Traffic and Safety Improvements	$134,400	20
62227	Bayville Avenue, Bayville Traffic Calming and Streetscape Improvements	$300,000	20
62228	Baldwin DRI — Merrick Road Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Improvements	$500,000	20
62230	Old Country Road and Round Swamp Road, Plainview Traffic Safety Improvements	$924,000	20
62231	Clinton Avenue, Hempstead Traffic, Pedestrian and Aesthetic Improvements	$644,700	20
62232	Brush Hollow Road, Westbury Traffic, Pedestrian and Aesthetic Improvements	$791,700	20
62233	Peninsula Boulevard, Hempstead Traffic, Pedestrian and Aesthetic Improvements	$1,621,200	20
62313	Traffic Sign Replacement-Phase V	$150,000	10
62460	Hempstead Avenue, Lynbrook Five Way Intersection	$1,000,000	20
62462	Traffic Signal Expansion Phase X	$1,461,000	20
62463	Traffic Signal Expansion Phase XI	$350,000	20
62464	Countywide Traffic Signal Timing Program - Phase I	$2,000,000	5
62500	Traffic Studies	$5,500,000	5
62551	Traffic Management Enhancement	$350,000	20
62565	Incident Management Phase V	$1,001,000	20
62900	Baldwin Complete Streets	$850,000	5
61144	Nassau County Shared Mobility Management Plan	$2,000,000	5
91030	Purex Site Redevelopment	$3,000,000	10
91080	NICE -Alternative Fuel Buses	$1,260,032	10
91083	NICE - Grant Match	$47,279	10
91084	NICE - Grant Match	$321,380	10
91086	NICE - Grant Match	$334,170	10
91087	NICE-Grant Match	$100,000	10
91088	NICE-Grant Match	$500,000	10
91091	Nassau Hub Study	$1,000,000	5
91119	NICE-Grant Match	$421,983	10
91120	NICE - Grant Match	$400,000	10
91123	NICE-Grant Match	$1,200,000	10
91124	NICE-Grant Match	$4,500,000	10
91127	NICE-Grant Match	$1,000,000	10
91129	NICE -Jamaica Terminal	$2,500,000	25
92035	Nassau Hub Transit Initiative	$4,000,000	20
30051	SD2 Interceptor Corrosion Survey & Rehabilitation	$4,235,584	40
35101	Lateral Sewer Repair	$9,243,153	40
35100	Bay Pare& Cedar Creek Digester Rehabilitation	$2,000,000	40
35117	Wastewater Facilities Security Improvements	$8,200,000	40
35130	Countywide Collection and Disposal System Upgrades	$8,000,000	40
3C067	Cedar Creek Equipment Replacement	$10,835,000	40
35103	Various County Parks Pond/Bulkhead Replacement	$1,704,000	30
35106	Rehabilitation of Various Public Works Waterbodies	$574,067	40
35125	Whitney Drain Rehabilitation Phase II	$4,500,000	40
60053	North Village Avenue, Rockville Centre	$150,000	40
80042	Groundwater Studies	$500,000	5
80044	Crescent Beach Pollution Control	$250,000	40
82001	Drainage Stream Corridors Reconstruction	$3,705,000	40
82010	Implementation of Storm Water Management Program	$1,807,381	5
82020	Drainage Stream Corridors Reconstruction Phase II	$500,000	40
82021	Thorne Lane, Matinecock Drainage Improvements	$1,800,000	40
82022	Bayville Avenue, Bayville Road and Drainage Improvements	$1,500,000	40
82023	Great Neck Peninsula Drainage Evaluation	$300,000	5

Total Maximum Estimated Costs: $424,869,902
Total amount of obligations to be issued: $424,869,902

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Michael C. Pulitzer
Clerk of the Legislature

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2019

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TO FINANCE THE CAPITAL PROJECTS IDENTIFIED HEREIN WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU AND AUTHORIZING $277,597,915 OF BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU TO FINANCE SAID EXPENDITURE PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW OF NEW YORK AND THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY

Project Number	Class of objects or purposes:	Maximum Estimated Cost of Purpose / Maximum Obligations of Purpose:	Period of probable usefulness:
90044	Comptroller Office Improvements	$500,000	25
90046	1550 Franklin Avenue Security Upgrades	$100,000	10
90378	DPW Maintenance Facility Improvements	$200,000	25
90400	Various County Facilities- General Construction	$1,000,000	25
90401	Various County Facilities - Electrical Construction	$450,000	10
90402	Various County Facilities - HVAC Construction	$750,000	10
90403	Various County Facilities - Plumbing Construction	$700,000	10
90404	Various County Facilities — Fire Alarm/ Protection and Security Systems	$700,000	10
90406	Various County Facilities - Design	$750,000	5
90407	Various County Facilities - Elevators	$1,000,000	10
90618	Various County Buildings Roof Renovation	$2,500,000	25
90625	Various Asbestos & Lead Abatement	$222,572	10
90632	Family & Matrimonial Court	$74,000,000	25
90638	Nassau County Housing Improvements	$1,800,000	25
90640	County Health Department Relocation	$1,500,000	25
90641	Franklin Square Salt Storage Dome Building Replacement	$1,600,000	15
90643	Various HVAC Improvements Public Safety Buildings	$3,000,000	10
90644	Various HVAC Improvements Park Facilities	$1,500,000	10
11511	Health Department Equipment Replacement	$457,500	5
98060	Road Maintenance Equipment Replacement	$4,700,000	15
98069	Speed Awareness Devices	$100,000	5
98092	Snow Removal Truck Replacement	$2,000,000	15
98105	Fleet Management Life Cycle Vehicle Replacement	$6,925,000	3
98180	Mosquito Control Equipment	$635,967	15
98345	Printing & Graphics Equipment Replacement	$375,000	5
98346	Public Pay Per Use Copier & Microfilm Readers at County Clerk	$350,000	5
41366	Cove Neck Seawall	$200,000	30
63029	Bridge Rehabilitation Program	$5,000,000	20
63031	Bridge Painting Program	$1,300,000	10
63033	Powell. Creek Bridge	$100,000	20
63034	Saddle Rack Bridge	$100,000	20
63035	Sands Point Bridge	$200,000	20
63036	Rehabilitation of Cuttermill/Bayview Bridge	$100,000	20
63400	Civil Site Studies	$1,250,000	5
66016	Countywide Tree Management Program	$250,000	5
66017	Countywide Fencing Improvements	$250,000	5
66302	Requirements Contract Roads/Drainage/Bridge/ Joints	$5,500,000	15
66306	Various County Parking Lot Refurbishment	$500,000	10
70060	NCC Energy Initiative	$310,000	10
70073	NCC Eire Alarm Upgrade	$1,192,500	10
70074	NCC Rehabilitation Water Damaged Buildings Phase I	$500,000	25
70080	NCC Security System Expansion	$125,000	10
70088	NCC Renovation of Cluster C	$20,200,000	25
70089	NCC Space Consolidation	$3,000,000	25
70093	NCC Window Replacement	$459,950	25
70094	NCC Performing Arts Center.	$5,575,000	5
70095	NCC Library Renovation (Design)	$1,250,000	5
70096	NCC Infrastructure and Master Plan	$500,000	25
70098	NCC Information Technology Infrastructure	$4,900,000	5
70099	NCC Physical Plant Vehicles	$100,000	5
70104	NCC Infrastructure Repair	$500,000	25
70107	NCC Concrete Repair	$700,000	10
70111	NCC Building Improvements	$250,000	25
70112	NCC Roof Replacement Program	$850,000	25
70113	NCC Renovation of Brick Cafe	$3,000,000	25
70115	NCC Concrete Repair Phase II	$250,000	10
70116	NCC HTHW System Emergency Repairs	$1,000,000	10
70120	NCC Emergency Ramp/Tunnel Repair	$600,000	10
70121	Theater Building Renovation	$200,000	25
70122	NCC Cluster Buildings Restroom Renovations	$500,000	25
70123	Greenhouse Renovation	$50,000	25
81060	County Storage Tank Replacement Program	$550,000	10
91077	Pedestrian and Bicycle Pathway	$50,000	15
91079	Motor Parkway Multi-Use Trail	$700,000	15
99206	Various County Projects	$7,200,000	5
41403	Eisenhower Park Dog Run Upgrades	$200,000	15
41421	Saddle Rock Grist Mill Restoration	$500,000	25
41469	Mitchel Field Gym Improvements	$50,000	25
41482	Mitchel Feld— Rifle Range Improvements	$2,000,000	15
41834	Various Parks Path/Roadways/Parking Resurface	$750,000	10
41851	Various Parks Golf Course Renovation Phase II	$300,000	15
41855	Parks Equipment Replacement	$250,000	5
41864	Park Furnishings	$150,000	15
41869	Various Park Improvements	$4,000,000	15
41882	Stillwell Reld, Syosset Improvements	$3,000,000	15
41883	Cow Meadow Park Rehabilitation	$500,000	15
41884	Stewart Avenue Sump, Turf Field	$100,000	15
10030	NUMC NCCC Patient Buildings Upgrades	$3,260,000	25
10040	Opioid Treatment Clinic	$775,000	25
22017	Juvenile Detention Center Improvements	$3,000,000	25
50210	Live Scan Replacement	$150,000	5
50570	Police Department Computer Aided Dispatch System	$2,900,000	10
50617	Police Department and other Agencies Bullet Proof Vests	$1,500,000	5
50686	Police Fleet Replacement	$250,000	3
50687	Village Police 911 Upgrade	$2,802,150	5
50689	Police Department Firearms	$100,000	5
50698	Police Department IT Infrastructure	$150,000	5
50700	Police Department Headquarters Renovation	$1,000,000	25
50701	PDCN Property Clerk Relocation	$1,000,000	25
51037	Jail Six Year Master Plan	$5,000,000	25
51461	Jail Body Scanner	$500,000	5
52028	Hazmat Vehicle Purchase	$700,000	5
90045	Building Vehicle Exhaust System	$110,000	25
61025	Ocean Ave at Merrick Road, Lynbrook	$500,000	15
61128	Kissam. Lane and Glen Cove Avenue	$200,000	15
61138	Shore Road, Glen Cove- Streetscape and Traffic Calming	$200,000	5
97008	DPW Management Information System	$100,000	5
97103	eGovernment	$500,000	5
97109	NIFS Upgrade/ERP System	$300,000	10
97113	Departmental Technology Equipment Replacement	$1,100,000	5
97114	Traffic Parking Violations Agency Computer System Replacement	$250,000	5
97117	CAMDR	$500,000	5
97118	Server and Equipment Consolidation	$350,000	5
97119	Network Infrastructure	$1,600,000	5
97121	ADAPT	$500,000	5
97123	Jail Management System	$350,000	5
97124	Integrated Information Management System	$300,000	5
97135	VOIP Implementation	$750,000	5
97136	HHS Technology Development and Efficiency Program	$2,000,000	5
97139	ERP Oracle Financial System	$1,000,000	10
97530	GeoBased Mapping & Information System	$100,000	5
62017	Traffic Signal Construction & Modification	$4,000,000	20
62181	Traffic Signal Communications Phase II	$600,000	20
62191	Merrick Road Signal Head Replacement	$250,000	20
62194	Traffic Management Center Upgrades	$125,000	25
62202	Elmont Road Traffic Safety Improvements and Streetscape	$500,000	5
62204	Long Beach Road, Island Park Traffic Safety Improvements	$100,000	20
62207	Jerusalem Avenue, Uniondale Safety Improvements	$100,000	20
62209	Cuttermill Road Traffic Safety Improvements	$300,000	20
62210	Radyn Road, Roslyn Heights Traffic Safety Improvements	$1,500,000	20
62211	Uncontrolled Crosswalk Safety Improvements	$44,244	20
62213	Dutch Broadway Traffic Safety	$400,000	20
62454	Traffic Computerized Signal (Central Ave/ Rockaway Turnpike)	$800,000	20
62457	Traffic-Signal Expansion Phase IX	$150,000	20
62461	Merrick Avenue Signal Expansion	$100,000	20
62462	Traffic Signal Expansion Phase X	$500,000	20
62500	Traffic Studies	$3,100,000	5
62550	Traffic Signal Management System	$400,000	20
62565	Incident Management Phase V	$80,000	5
62900	Baldwin Complete Streets	$3,100,000	5
61144	Nassau County Shared Mobility Management Plan	$60,000	5
91090	Rosa Parks Hempstead Transit Center	$500,000	25
91091	Nassau Hub Study	$400,000	5
91119	NICE-Grant Match	$2,900,000	5
92029	Hub Reuse EIS	$800,000	5
92035	Nassau Hub Transit Initiative - Design	$500,000	5
33994	Point Lookout Sewer Study	$800,000	5
35101	Lateral Sewer Repair	$500,000	40
35133	North Village Avenue Sewer Pipe	$750,000	40
3P312	Pump Station Upgrades	$19,000,000	40
98041	SSW Motorized Equipment Replacement	$1,500,000	15
35100	Bay Park & Cedar Creek Digester Rehabilitation	$4,000,000	40
35108	SSW Building Improvements	$250,000	40
35117	Wastewater Facilities Security Improvements	$2,000,000	30
35112	Mosquito Control Plan	$563,032	5
60053	North Village Avenue, Rockville Centre	$250,000	5
60054	Allen Road, Woodmere Drainage	$150,000	40
60055	Berry Hill Road Drainage Study	$100,000	5
60056	Syosset Woodbury Road Drainage Study	$100,000	5
60057	Glen Avenue Drainage and Culvert Replacement	$100,000	40
60058	Long Beach Road, Oceanside	$100,000	5
60059	South Long Beach Road Drainage	$150,000	40
80020	Brookside Creek	$250,000	5
80045	Great Neck Water Pollution Study	$200,000	5
80046	Newbridge Creek Flooding Mitigation	$100,000	5
82010	Implementation of Storm Water Management Program	$750,000	5
82020	Drainage Stream Corridors Reconstruction Phase II	$2,000,000	40

Total Maximum Estimated Costs: $277,597,915

Total amount of obligations to be issued: $277,597,915

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A complete copy of the bond ordinance summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Nassau County Legislature for a period of twenty (20) days from the date of publication of this notice.

Michael C. Pulitzer
Clerk of the Legislature

ORDINANCE NO. 171-2014

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TO FINANCE THE CAPITAL PROJECTS IDENTIFIED HEREIN WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU AND AUTHORIZING $182,605,687 OF BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU TO FINANCE SAID EXPENDITURE PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW OF NEW YORK AND THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY

Project Number	Class of objects or purposes:	Maximum Estimated Cost of Purpose / Maximum Obligations of Purpose:	Period of probable usefulness:
90400	Various County Facilities – General Construction	$250,000	25
90401	Various County Facilities – Electrical Construction	$2,000,000	10
90402	Various County Facilities – HVAC Construction	$150,000	10
90403	Various County Facilities – Plumbing Construction	$250,000	10
90404	Various County Facilities – Alarms	$250,000	10
90405	Various County Facilities – Demolition	$500,000	10
90611	Various County Court Facilities Renovation	$7,000,000	20
90622	Hempstead Garage Improvements	$3,750,000	10
90636	Warehouse and Staging Area	$250,000	25
90637	Materials Testing Lab	$1,200,000	30
98060	Road Maintenance Equipment Replacement	$1,600,000	15
98064	Road Maintenance Equipment Refurbishment	$250,000	5
98105	Fleet Management Lifecycle Vehicle Replacement	$4,000,000	3
98180	Mosquito Control Equipment	$250,000	15
98341	Office Equipment Replacement Program	$250,000	5
63029	Bridge Rehabilitation Program	$8,500,000	25
63031	Bridge Painting Program	$2,171,795	10
66306	Various County Parking Lot Refurbishment	$500,000	10
66017	County Fencing Improvements	$300,000	5
70084	NCC Health & Safety	$168,492	25
70089	Space Consolidation	$750,000	25
70096	NCC Infrastructure Master Plan	$525,525	25
81060	County Storage Tank Replacement Program	$1,000,000	5
91077	Pedestrian and Bicycle Pathway	$250,000	15
91078	Motor Parkway Multi-Use Trail	$455,000	15
41802	Various County Parks Pond Dredging	$1,000,000	15
41858	County Pools Improvements and Code Compliance	700,000	15
91861	Various County Park Buildings – Infrastructure Improvements	$500,000	5
41865	Inwood Bulkhead	$3,500,000	30
41871	Various County Docks and Bulkheads	$1,500,000	40
9B480	Land Acquisition	$8,000,000	30
14007	Med Exam Crime Lab Equipment	$250,000	40
50210	Live Scan Replacement	$150,000	5
50570	Police Department Computer Aided Dispatch System	$900,000	5
50617	Police Department Bullet Proof Vests	$1,428,000	5
50622	Police Department Specialty Vehicle Replacement	$1,000,000	5
50686	Police Fleet Replacement	$3,000,000	3
60039	Wheatley Road Drainage Improvements, Old Westbury	$3,000,000	40
61083	Horse Hollow Road, Lattingtown	$1,700,000	15
61103	Austin Blvd Road Improvement, Island Park	$200,000	15
61587	Resurfacing Various County Roads	$1,000,000	15
6179A	West Shore Road, Mill Neck	$9,000,000	15
97113	Departmental Technology Equipment Replacement	$700,000	5
97117	CAMDR	$500,000	5
97135	VOIP Implementation	$1,000,000	5
97532	Systemwide Review County Assessment System	$2,000,000	5
62017	Traffic Signal Construction & Modification – Phase VII Among other items, this project will fund traffic signal requests from the County Executive's Office, the Majority Caucus and the Minority Caucus	$2,000,000	5
62153	Federal Aid Durable Marking Program	$300,000	5
62161	Old County Road Signal Heads Phase I	$1,500,000	20
62162	Old County Road Signal Heads Phase II	$2,000,000	20
62175	VMS Signs Phase I	$110,000	10
62455	Traffic Signal Expension Phase V	$750,000	20
62456	Traffic Signal Expension Phase VI	$2,000,000	20
91091	Nassau Hub Study	$800,000	5
91200	Bus Fleet Refurbishment	$250,000	5
92029	Veterans Memorial Coliseum Reuse EIS	$1,600,000	5
90230	County Office Campus Construction	$1,000,000	30
41826	Various Parks Preserve Buildings Rehabilitation	$75,000	25
41334	Nickerson Beach Improvements	$2,500,000	15
41844	Various Park Athletic Fields	$125,000	15
41851	Various Park Golf Course Renovation	$100,000	15
41869	Various County Park Improvements	$6,000,000	15
41872	Wantagh Park Improvements	$2,000,000	15
41873	Milbum Park Improvements	$4,000,000	15
41874	Eisenhower Park Improvements	$6,000,000	15
	General Capital Total	**$110,708,812**	
3C067	Ceder Creek Equipment Replacement	$8,200,000	40
35104	Whitney Drain Rehabilitation	$1,800,000	40
35109	Force Mains/Pump Stations Long Beach	$4,241,406	40
33992	Hempstead Harbor Sewer Study	$10,000,000	40
3B116	Bay Park Outfall District Structure Pipeline Rehabilitation	$46,655,469	40
3P312	Pump Station Rehabilitation	$1,000,000	40
	SSW Total	**$71,896,875**	

Total Maximum Estimated Costs:	$182,605,687
Total amount of obligations to be issued:	$182,605,687

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GIANNI INFANTINO

Jordan FA prez accuses FIFA, Infantino of 'blackmail'

By GRAHAM DUNBAR

GENEVA — Former FIFA vice president Prince Ali bin Al Hussein criticized the soccer body's leadership headed by Gianni Infantino on Tuesday, describing prize money withheld from his Jordan national team as a kind of blackmail.

Prince Ali said the Jordanian federation he leads still has not been paid money due for reaching the final of the FIFA Arab Cup played last December in Qatar.

In a social media post, Prince Ali said that during the World Cup — where Jordan made its debut in June — he was told if he endorsed FIFA President Gianni Infantino "it would go a long way to helping our FA out."

Infantino is under pressure to save his 11-year presidency amid a fierce backlash from global soccer leaders about his now-failed plan to sell a stake in future World Cup profits to investors led by Joshua Kushner.

"We pride ourselves in Jordan in upholding ethical values. We did not endorse him before and certainly will not now," said Prince Ali, who placed third in a five-candidate FIFA presidential contest when Infantino was first elected in February 2016.

"But the whole situation amounts to blackmail and we refuse to give in to that," the Jordanian royal wrote Tuesday.

FIFA Arab Cup money not paid

The 2025 FIFA Arab Cup that Jordan lost in the title match against Morocco was set to pay $4.2 million to the beaten finalist, Jordanian media reported last year.

"The money our team should receive for having reached the final has not been delivered yet," Prince Ali wrote, "while at the same time FIFA brags about how many billions they have in reserve."

"It is clear the problem really is with leadership. For months, FIFA has been refusing to help us on any of these or other matters," he said.

FIFA was approached for comment about the claims. — *AP*

AL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Tampa Bay	67	46	.593	—	—	7-3	W-2	41-18	26-28
Yankees	64	50	.561	3½	+7	5-5	W-1	27-24	37-26
Boston	61	51	.545	5½	+5	8-2	W-6	26-29	35-22
Baltimore	55	58	.487	12	1½	5-5	W-1	31-29	24-29
Toronto	53	61	.465	14½	4	6-4	L-1	28-31	25-30

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Chicago	59	53	.527	—	—	5-5	L-1	34-21	25-32
Cleveland	57	57	.500	3	—	3-7	L-1	28-29	29-28
Minnesota	56	58	.491	4	1	5-5	L-3	30-27	26-31
Detroit	55	58	.487	4½	1½	6-4	W-4	30-27	25-31
Kansas City	47	67	.412	13	10	4-6	W-1	27-27	20-40

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Houston	59	56	.513	—	—	8-2	W-1	30-28	29-28
Texas	56	58	.491	2½	1	3-7	W-1	29-26	27-32
Seattle	55	59	.482	3½	2	4-6	L-1	32-25	23-34
Athletics	45	68	.398	13	11½	1-9	L-6	21-36	24-32
Los Angeles	43	70	.381	15	13½	2-8	L-1	25-33	18-37

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Tuesday

Mets 6, Cleveland 2
Yankees 2, St. Louis 0
Baltimore 3, L.A. Angels 1
Cincinnati 5, Athletics 4
Boston 14, White Sox 2
Kansas City 8, Minnesota 2
Houston 7, Toronto 2
Texas 5, San Francisco 4
Tampa Bay 9, Colorado 7, 11 inn.
Detroit 8, Seattle 0

Wednesday

Mets at Cleveland, 6:40
St. Louis at **Yankees**, 7:05
Toronto at Houston, 2:10
San Francisco at Texas, 2:35
Tampa Bay at Colorado, 3:10
L.A. Angels at Baltimore, 6:35
Athletics at Cincinnati, 6:40
White Sox at Boston, 7:10
Minnesota at Kansas City, 7:40
Detroit at Seattle, 9:40

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Atlanta	68	45	.602	—	—	7-3	W-6	37-20	31-25
Philadelphia	61	53	.535	7½	+½	5-5	W-4	30-27	31-26
Miami	58	56	.509	10½	2½	6-4	L-1	34-23	24-33
Washington	55	60	.478	14	6	2-8	L-7	23-34	32-26
Mets	48	66	.421	20½	12½	5-5	W-1	25-34	23-32

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	70	43	.619	—	—	6-4	W-1	37-21	33-22
Chicago	65	49	.570	5½	+4½	6-4	W-2	33-24	32-25
Pittsburgh	57	58	.496	14	4	4-6	L-1	29-28	28-30
St. Louis	56	58	.491	14½	4½	3-7	L-1	28-32	28-26
Cincinnati	54	58	.482	15½	5½	6-4	W-2	27-31	27-27

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	69	45	.605	—	—	3-7	L-5	33-23	36-22
Arizona	60	53	.531	8½	—	6-4	W-1	32-22	28-31
San Diego	58	55	.513	10½	2	8-2	L-1	32-25	26-30
San Francisco	48	66	.421	21	12½	4-6	L-1	26-27	22-39
Colorado	45	69	.395	24	15½	4-6	L-2	27-31	18-38

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Tuesday

Mets 6, Cleveland 2
Yankees 2, St. Louis 0
Philadelphia 5, Washington 0
Cincinnati 5, Athletics 4
Atlanta 4, Miami 2
Milwaukee 4, Pittsburgh 2
Cubs 5, L.A. Dodgers 1
Texas 5, San Francisco 4
Tampa Bay 9, Colorado 7, 11 inn.
San Diego 9, Arizona 4

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San Diego at Arizona, 9:40

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Solution to Very Easy #7,361

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Solution to Difficult #7,151

Yankees 2, Cardinals 0

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wetherholt 2b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.248
Herrera dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.240
Fermín 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.242
Burleson ph-1b	0	0	0	0	1	0	.288
Velázquez rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.216
Winn ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.239
Jordan 1b-3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.244
Church cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.233
Pagés c	3	0	1	0	0	2	.206
Torres lf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.239
Totals	31	0	6	0	3	10	

Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Grisham cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.214
Rice dh	2	0	0	0	2	1	.262
García 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.285
Ramos lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.260
Jones rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.221
Chisholm 2b	3	1	1	1	0	2	.218
McMahon 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.214
Lombard ss	2	1	1	1	1	0	.500
Wells c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.166
Goldschmidt ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.245
Sánchez c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.273
Totals	28	2	5	2	3	5	

St. Louis	000 000 000	—	0	6	0
Yankees	010 010 00x	—	2	5	0

LOB: St. Louis 7, New York 5. **2B:** Velázquez (4). **HR:** Chisholm (17), off Dobbins; Lombard (1), off Dobbins. **RBIs:** Chisholm (46), Lombard (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** St. Louis 4 (Fermín, Church, Velázquez 2); New York 1 (Chisholm). **RISP:** St. Louis 0 for 7; New York 0 for 4. **Runners moved up:** Winn, Wetherholt. **GIDP:** Jordan, Church, Goldschmidt. **DP:** St. Louis 1 (Wetherholt, Jordan); New York 2 (Lombard, Chisholm, García; Lombard, García).

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Dobbins, L, 2-2	6.1	4	2	2	3	4	92	3.60
Ferguson	1.2	1	0	0	0	1	17	3.76

Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Weathers, W, 5-7	6.0	4	0	0	1	6	88	3.79
Cruz, H, 18	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	10	2.76
Headrick, H, 16	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	18	1.40
Bednar, S, 25-27	1.1	0	0	0	1	3	23	2.54

T: 2:21. **A:** 41,081 (47,309).

Braves 4, Marlins 2

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Stowers 1b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.235
Conine dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.264
Lopez ss	4	1	2	0	0	0	.323
Caissie rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.231
Hernández lf	3	1	2	0	1	0	.237
Marsee cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.197
Jiménez 3b	4	0	1	2	0	0	.206
Edwards pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.287
Mack c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.242
Ramírez ph-c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.226
Sanoja 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.265
Totals	32	2	8	2	3	7	

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Baldwin c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.269
Acuña rf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.240
Olson 1b	3	0	2	0	0	0	.269
Harris cf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.287
Albies 2b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.263
Yastrzemski lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.230
Dubón ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.259
Smith dh	2	0	0	0	0	0	.266
Thomas ph-dh	2	1	0	0	0	0	.230
Riley 3b	3	1	2	2	0	1	.220
Jarvis ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.253
Totals	32	4	7	3	1	6	

Miami	000 000 002	—	2	8	1
Atlanta	010 000 21x	—	4	7	1

E: Lopez (16), Albies (7). **LOB:** Miami 6, Atlanta 6. **2B:** Sanoja (22), Lopez (29), Harris (22), Olson (28). **HR:** Albies (19), off Gusto; Riley (13), off King. **RBIs:** Jiménez 2 (11), Albies (63), Riley 2 (54). **CS:** Marsee (12). **Runners left in scoring position:** Miami 1 (Stowers); Atlanta 4 (Yastrzemski, Thomas 2, Albies). **RISP:** Miami 2 for 5; Atlanta 0 for 7. **DP:** Atlanta 3 (Olson, Jarvis, Olson; Olson, Jarvis; Jarvis, Albies, Olson).

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gusto, L, 0-3	6.0	5	1	1	0	5	83	4.80
King	1.0	1	2	1	0	0	16	2.60
Vodnik	1.0	1	1	1	1	1	26	5.35

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Holmes, W, 7-4	6.0	5	0	0	1	5	72	3.67
Dodd, H, 8	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2.08
Lee, H, 24	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	23	2.08
Iglesias	1.0	3	2	2	1	0	21	2.63

T: 2:15. **A:** 26,374 (41,149).

Mets 6, Guardians 2

Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ewing lf	5	0	2	0	0	0	.265
Lindor ss	5	0	0	0	0	2	.233
Bichette 3b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.256
Alvarez dh	4	0	1	0	0	3	.255
Benge rf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.264
Robert cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.190
Semien 2b	3	2	0	0	1	1	.210
Young 1b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.244
Torrens c	3	1	3	4	1	0	.229
Totals	35	6	9	6	3	9	

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Kwan cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.261
Adell rf	4	1	2	0	1	1	.241
DeLauter dh	2	1	1	0	3	0	.279
Hoskins 1b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.177
Lowe ph-1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.264
Martínez lf	3	0	1	1	1	1	.226
Bazzana 2b	4	0	1	1	0	2	.245
Arias 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.244
Hedges c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.272
Rocchio ss	2	0	1	0	2	0	.259
Totals	31	2	7	2	8	8	

Mets	031 100 010	—	6	9	1
Cleveland	001 010 000	—	2	7	1

E: Lindor (8), Arias (3). **LOB:** New York 5, Cleveland 11. **2B:** Ewing (13), Adell (17), Martínez (13). **HR:** Torrens (3), off Cantillo; Bichette (11), off Cantillo; Benge (12), off Cecconi. **RBIs:** Torrens 4 (24), Bichette (54), Benge (42), Martínez (34), Bazzana (35). **SB:** Semien (8). **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 2 (Bichette, Lindor); Cleveland 7 (Bazzana 3, Lowe, Arias 3). **RISP:** New York 2 for 5; Cleveland 2 for 13. **DP:** New York 3 (Semien, Lindor, Young; Semien, Young, Semien; Bichette, Semien, Young); Cleveland 2 (Bazzana, Rocchio, Hoskins; Kwan, Bazzana, Kwan).

Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Manaea, W, 3-5	6.0	7	2	2	5	7	100	4.33
Duarte, H, 1	0.2	0	0	0	1	0	16	1.35
Lavender, H, 1	1.1	0	0	0	1	1	19	0.00
Senga	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	18	8.47

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cantillo, L, 8-7	5.0	7	5	2	2	5	81	3.87
Cecconi	2.2	2	1	1	0	4	43	4.75
Herrin	1.1	0	0	0	1	0	12	3.75

T: 2:31. **A:** 24,636 (34,788).

Reds 5, Athletics 4

Athletics	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Butler rf	4	1	0	0	1	2	.208
Wilson ss	4	0	1	2	0	1	.274
Soderstrom lf	3	1	1	0	1	1	.243
Heim c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.228
McNeil 1b	4	0	2	1	0	2	.254
White 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.266
Walton 2b	1	1	0	0	1	0	.286
Williams ph-2b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.270
Cortes dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	.260
Muncy ph-dh	2	0	0	0	0	0	.220
Bolte cf	4	1	3	0	0	0	.262
Totals	34	4	8	3	3	9	

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
De La Cruz ss	3	2	1	2	1	1	.276
Stewart 1b	2	1	1	1	1	0	.255
Bleday lf-rf	3	0	1	0	1	2	.228
Stephenson c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.252
Suárez dh	3	0	1	0	1	1	.202
I.Johnson pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	0	.100
Myers cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.268
Rodríguez rf	2	1	0	0	1	0	.000
Friedl lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.165
Hayes 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.142
McLain 2b	3	1	1	0	0	0	.190
Totals	27	5	5	3	5	7	

Athletics	000 120 100	—	4	8	0
Cincinnati	000 030 02x	—	5	5	1

E: De La Cruz (10). **LOB:** Athletics 6, Cincinnati 4. **2B:** Soderstrom (25), Wilson (13), McLain (14). **RBIs:** McNeil (35), Wilson 2 (36), De La Cruz 2 (52), Stewart (86). **SB:** Butler (7), Bolte (13). **SF:** Stewart. **Runners left in scoring position:** Athletics 2 (Butler, Soderstrom); Cincinnati 2 (Myers 2). **RISP:** Athletics 2 for 7; Cincinnati 1 for 6. **DP:** 1 (Wilson, Walton, McNeil); Cincinnati 2 (Hayes, McLain, Stewart; Stewart).

Athletics	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ginn	6.0	5	3	3	2	5	91	3.51
Basso, H, 2	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	11	5.40
Harris, L, 3-1, BS, 9-14	0.2	0	2	2	3	1	24	3.62
Alvarado	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	6	4.67

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Singer	6.0	5	3	3	3	6	101	4.67
Moll	1.0	1	1	0	0	0	20	4.17
Garcia, W, 2-2	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	14	2.18
Pagán, S, 12-15	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	14	4.44

T: 2:35. **A:** 21,714 (43,891).

Orioles 3, Angels 1

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Neto ss	5	0	1	0	0	1	.230
Trout cf	4	0	1	0	0	3	.245
Schanuel 1b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.275
Grissom 2b	4	0	1	1	0	2	.261
Guzman 3b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.231
Ballesteros dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.231
d'Arnaud c	2	0	1	0	0	1	.190
Lowe ph-rf	2	0	2	0	0	0	.206
Siri lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.255
Frazier ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.207
Heineman c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.172
Meckler rf-lf	3	0	2	0	1	1	.303
Totals	35	1	11	1	2	11	

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Beavers rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.244
O'Neill ph	1	1	1	1	0	0	.213
Taveras rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.219
Alonso 1b	4	0	1	2	0	1	.251
Henderson ss	3	0	0	0	1	1	.217
Encarnacion-Strand 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.262
Holliday 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.247
Mayo dh	3	0	1	0	0	1	.201
Franklin lf	2	1	0	0	1	0	.000
Cowser cf	3	1	1	0	0	1	.206
Narváez c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.185
Totals	28	3	4	3	2	7	

Los Angeles	000 000 010	—	1	11	0
Baltimore	002 000 01x	—	3	4	0

LOB: Los Angeles 9, Baltimore 4. **2B:** Schanuel 2 (21), Grissom (15), Lowe (5). **3B:** Mayo (2). **HR:** O'Neill (8), off Farris. **RBIs:** Grissom (47), Alonso 2 (71), O'Neill (18). **SB:** Franklin (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 6 (Ballesteros, Grissom 3, Neto 2); Baltimore 2 (Encarnacion-Strand, Cowser). **RISP:** Los Angeles 1 for 12; Baltimore 1 for 6. **DP:** Baltimore 1 (Henderson, Holliday, Alonso).

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Rodriguz, L, 3-4	7.0	3	2	2	1	6	98	7.24
Farris	1.0	1	1	1	1	1	22	4.27

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Povich, W, 2-1	6.0	7	0	0	1	7	88	3.91
Garcia, H, 13	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	22	2.98
Kittredge, H, 7	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	15	4.18
Cano, S, 2-4	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	19	2.09

T: 2:20. **A:** 18,585 (45,971).

Red Sox 14, White Sox 2

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Meidroth 2b-ss	3	1	1	0	1	1	.273
Murakami 1b	4	0	1	0	0	3	.244
Vargas 3b	2	0	0	1	1	2	.236
Grichuk lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.259
C.Montgomery dh	3	1	1	0	1	0	.216
Bart c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.220
Doyle cf	2	0	1	0	0	0	.218
Antonacci ph-2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.273
B.Montgomery rf	3	0	0	1	1	0	.235
Acuña ss	2	0	1	0	0	0	.244
Peters ph-cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.265
Totals	30	2	6	2	5	8	

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Sogard 2b-1b	4	2	2	0	1	0	.259
Rafaela cf	3	2	1	2	0	0	.289
White cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.231
Abreu rf	4	2	2	2	1	0	.251
Contreras 1b	4	2	2	2	0	1	.286
Seigler 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.235
Yoshida dh	4	1	2	1	0	0	.268
Durbin 3b	3	2	2	4	1	0	.247
Duran lf	4	2	2	1	0	1	.203
Monasterio ss	4	1	2	2	0	0	.263
Wong c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.248
Totals	36	14	15	14	3	2	

Chicago	000 011 000	—	2	6	1
Boston	600 016 01x	—	14	15	0

E: Grichuk (2). **LOB:** Chicago 7, Boston 2. **2B:** Grichuk (13), Sogard (3), Rafaela (28), Yoshida (12). **HR:** Durbin (11), off Martin; Duran (15), off Martin; Abreu (18), off Martin; Abreu (19), off Fedde. **RBIs:** Vargas (67), B.Montgomery (21), Contreras 2 (69), Durbin 4 (49), Duran (58), Abreu 2 (56), Monasterio 2 (25), Rafaela 2 (59), Yoshida (23). **SB:** Durbin (13), Duran (16). **SF:** Vargas. **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 4 (Vargas, Peters, Acuña 2); Boston 1 (Durbin). **RISP:** Chicago 1 for 9; Boston 8 for 12. **DP:** Chicago 3 (Acuña, Meidroth, Murakami; Doyle, Acuña, Doyle; Meidroth, Acuña, Murakami); Boston 2 (Contreras; Monasterio, Sogard, Contreras).

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Martin, L, 9-6	5.0	10	9	9	2	1	91	4.13
Fedde	3.0	5	5	4	1	1	50	4.36

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Sandoval, W, 1-0	5.0	6	2	2	4	5	89	3.38
Weissert	0.2	0	0	0	1	0	14	3.86
Miller	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	4	2.73
Bello, S, 1-1	3.0	0	0	0	0	2	28	5.10

T: 2:40. **A:** 37,669 (37,755).

Phillies 5, Nationals 0

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crews rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.222
Chaparro 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.207
House 3b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.232
Ortiz ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.333
Abrams dh	4	0	2	0	0	2	.286
Ford c	3	0	1	0	1	1	.185
Young cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.233
Tena ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.239
Lile lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.246
Nuñez ss	2	0	1	0	1	0	.238
Vivas 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.237
Totals	31	0	5	0	2	9	

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Schwarber dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.243
Turner ss	4	2	3	1	0	0	.252
Harper rf	2	1	0	0	2	1	.254
Hill rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.242
Arraez 2b	4	1	2	2	0	0	.325
Bohm 1b	3	0	1	1	0	0	.227
Realmuto c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.222
Marsh lf	4	0	1	1	0	0	.279
Stott 3b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.255
Crawford cf	4	1	2	0	0	1	.264
Totals	33	5	11	5	2	4	

Washington	000 000 000	—	0	5	0
Philadelphia	103 000 10x	—	5	11	0

LOB: Washington 6, Philadelphia 7. **2B:** Abrams (22), Ford (2), Arraez (24), Marsh (16), Stott (22). **RBIs:** Arraez 2 (45), Bohm (61), Marsh (50), Turner (44). **SB:** Crawford (15). **CS:** Nuñez (6). **SF:** Bohm. **Runners left in scoring position:** Washington 5 (Young, Lile 2, Tena, Chaparro); Philadelphia 4 (Stott, Crawford 2, Schwarber). **RISP:** Washington 0 for 11; Philadelphia 4 for 10. **Runners moved up:** Vivas 2, Crews, Schwarber. **GIDP:** Bohm. **DP:** Washington 1 (House, Vivas, Chaparro).

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Palmquist, L, 0-2	0.1	2	1	1	1	0	16	7.71
Littell	6.2	7	4	4	1	2	93	4.97
Williams	1.0	2	0	0	0	2	21	0.00

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Luzardo, W, 10-5	8.0	4	0	0	2	7	98	3.36
Kilian	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	18	4.17

T: 2:15. **A:** 38,731 (42,901).

Brewers 4, Pirates 2

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Mangum cf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.302
Lowe dh	4	0	2	0	0	2	.257
Reynolds lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.268
Valdez rf	4	0	0	0	0	4	.253
Horwitz 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.271
Gonzales 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.306
Rodríguez c	3	1	1	1	1	1	.268
Gonzalez ss	3	1	1	1	0	0	.237
Triolo 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.242
Totals	31	2	5	2	2	11	

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Turang 2b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.268
Chourio lf	4	1	3	2	0	0	.280
Mitchell cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.258
Contreras c	4	1	2	0	0	0	.270
Yelich dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.231
Vaughn 1b	3	1	1	1	1	2	.299
Lara rf	3	0	1	1	1	0	.245
Pratt ss	4	1	2	0	0	0	.293
Hamilton 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.238
Totals	35	4	11	4	2	8	

Pittsburgh	001 010 000	—	2	5	0
Milwaukee	001 210 00x	—	4	11	0

LOB: Pittsburgh 5, Milwaukee 9. **HR:** Gonzalez (5), off Henderson; Rodríguez (6), off Henderson; Chourio (14), off Jones; Vaughn (5), off Jones. **RBIs:** Gonzalez (24), Rodríguez (18), Chourio 2 (44), Vaughn (30), Lara (11). **Runners left in scoring position:** Pittsburgh 1 (Valdez); Milwaukee 3 (Mitchell, Hamilton 2). **RISP:** Pittsburgh 0 for 2; Milwaukee 2 for 7. **GIDP:** Gonzalez. **DP:** Milwaukee 1 (Pratt, Turang, Vaughn).

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Jones, L, 2-3	4.0	8	3	3	1	4	83	4.02
Dotel	2.0	3	1	1	1	3	33	5.06
Ramírez	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	12	2.95
Yates	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	11	3.81

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Henderson, W, 6-1	6.0	4	2	2	1	8	83	2.70
Senzatela, H, 5	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	16	3.54
Uribe, H, 17	1.0	1	0	0	0	3	17	2.18
Megill, S, 19-21	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	2.76

T: 2:26. **A:** 30,014 (41,700).

Cubs 5, Dodgers 1

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ohtani dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	.293
Pages cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.268
Freeman 1b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.310
Muncy 3b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.253
Betts ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.223
Tucker rf	3	1	2	1	0	0	.243
T.Hernández lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.256
Edman 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.293
Rortvedt c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Call ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.246
Feduccia c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.234
Totals	**29**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**2**	**4**	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crow-Armstrong cf	4	1	2	1	0	2	.284
Suzuki rf	2	0	1	1	2	0	.274
Bregman dh	4	1	1	0	0	0	.246
Busch 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.241
Hoerner 2b	4	1	2	2	0	0	.258
Taylor lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.236
Happ ph-lf	0	0	0	0	1	0	.215
Swanson ss	4	2	3	1	0	1	.219
Ramirez 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.295
Amaya c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.233
Totals	**33**	**5**	**9**	**5**	**3**	**8**	

Los Angeles	**010 000 000 —**	**1**	**4**	**0**
Chicago	**001 001 21x —**	**5**	**9**	**0**

LOB: Los Angeles 3, Chicago 7. **2B:** Bregman (23), Swanson (14). **HR:** Tucker (10), off Assad; Swanson (17), off Skubal; Hoerner (7), off Díaz. **RBIs:** Tucker (52), Swanson (62), Hoerner 2 (53), Crow-Armstrong (65), Suzuki (64). **SB:** Crow-Armstrong 2 (28). **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 1 (Rortvedt); Chicago 3 (Taylor, Bregman, Amaya). **RISP:** Los Angeles 0 for 3; Chicago 3 for 10. **DP:** Chicago 2 (Ramirez, Hoerner, Busch; Ramirez, Hoerner, Busch).

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Skubal, L, 7-6	6.0	4	2	2	2	6	85	2.81
Vesia	0.2	2	2	2	0	0	12	3.03
Phillips	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	8	5.19
Díaz	0.2	2	1	1	1	1	23	9.35
Dreyer	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	3	2.96

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Assad	5.2	4	1	1	2	3	88	3.58
Rolison, W, 6-1	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	14	2.40
Ferguson, H, 4	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	2	6.00
Zeferjahn, H, 10	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	9	3.59
Webb	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	12	2.54

T: 2:32. **A:** 40,584 (41,363).

Royals 8, Twins 2

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Larnach lf	3	0	0	0	2	0	.283
Jeffers c	5	0	0	0	0	1	.283
Bell dh	4	1	2	1	0	0	.247
Clemens 2b	4	1	0	0	0	1	.236
Lewis 1b	4	0	4	0	0	0	.232
Lee 3b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.242
Roden rf	1	0	0	1	0	0	.214
Martin ph-rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Keaschall cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.263
Kreidler ss	3	0	0	0	1	0	.236
Totals	**33**	**2**	**7**	**2**	**4**	**4**	

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Jensen c	3	1	0	0	2	2	.231
Witt ss	5	2	3	2	0	1	.283
Caglianone 1b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.253
Perez dh	3	0	1	1	0	0	.216
Tolbert pr-rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.325
Massey 2b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.262
Loftin 3b	3	1	0	0	1	1	.249
Collins lf	3	1	0	0	1	0	.240
Rave rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.294
Marte ph-dh	1	1	1	2	0	0	.255
Isbel cf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.250
Totals	**32**	**8**	**10**	**8**	**4**	**5**	

Minnesota	**000 100 010 —**	**2**	**7**	**2**
Kansas City	**200 030 03x —**	**8**	**10**	**1**

E: Kreidler (3), Lee (8), Rave (1). **LOB:** Minnesota 9, Kansas City 6. **2B:** Lewis (15), Massey (20), Witt (23), Perez (17), Marte (5). **HR:** Bell (14), off Cruz. **RBIs:** Roden (8), Bell (64), Perez (47), Massey (38), Witt 2 (41), Caglianone (43), Marte 2 (12), Isbel (12). **SB:** Kreidler (4), Clemens (8), Caglianone (4). **SF:** Roden, Perez. **S:** Rave. **Runners left in scoring position:** Minnesota 5 (Jeffers 2, Keaschall 2, Roden); Kansas City 4 (Loftin, Witt, Isbel, Massey). **RISP:** Minnesota 1 for 9; Kansas City 3 for 12.

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ryan, L, 6-8	5.1	7	5	4	2	3	99	3.65
Funderburk	1.2	0	0	0	0	2	14	3.18
Adams	0.2	1	2	2	1	0	20	5.67
Rogers	0.1	2	1	1	1	0	14	5.09

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Dobnak, W, 2-0	5.0	3	1	1	3	1	90	1.16
Lynch	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	11	1.96
Schreiber	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	16	3.67
Cruz	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	18	4.39
Pearson	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	11	3.00

T: 2:38. **A:** 20,177 (38,427).

Rangers 5, Giants 4

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Basabe 2b-3b-2b	5	1	1	2	0	0	.294
Lee rf	5	0	1	0	0	0	.305
Adames ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.222
Devers 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.246
Susac c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.257
Kennedy dh-3b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.050
Leonard lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Gilbert ph-cf	1	2	1	0	1	0	.242
McCray cf-lf	2	1	0	0	2	1	.120
Koss 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.167
Furman ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Eldridge ph	1	0	1	2	0	0	.256
Smith p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Totals	**33**	**4**	**6**	**4**	**5**	**8**	

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Pederson 1b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.250
Burger 1b	1	1	1	0	0	0	.237
Langford lf	4	1	0	0	1	0	.264
Seager dh	4	2	3	0	1	0	.201
Nimmo rf	5	0	3	1	0	1	.271
Duran 3b	5	0	3	4	0	1	.278
Carter cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.201
Díaz c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.240
Lopez ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.276
Foscue 2b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.252
Osuna ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.255
Cauley 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.208
Totals	**37**	**5**	**11**	**5**	**4**	**5**	

San Francisco	**000 000 202 —**	**4**	**6**	**0**
Texas	**200 000 021 —**	**5**	**11**	**0**

Two outs when winning run scored. **LOB:** San Francisco 7, Texas 10. **2B:** Susac (8), Lee (26), Nimmo (27), Duran 2 (22), Burger (17). **HR:** Basabe (3), off Silseth. **RBIs:** Basabe 2 (8), Eldridge 2 (28), Nimmo (41), Duran 4 (63). **SB:** Duran (9), Gilbert (1). **RISP:** San Francisco 2 for 9; Texas 5 for 12.

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Tidwell	5.0	6	2	2	1	3	100	3.18
Foley	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5.06
Brubaker	1.0	0	1	1	1	0	15	3.17
Sanmartin	0.2	3	1	1	1	1	14	7.71
Houser	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	2	4.70
Smith, L, 0-4	0.2	2	1	1	1	1	14	3.10

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gore	6.0	3	0	0	3	4	99	4.55
Silseth, BS, 0-4	0.2	1	2	2	1	0	14	3.05
Ahlstrom	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	13	4.37
Gray	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	4	3.50
Latz, W, 3-1	1.0	2	2	1	1	1	24	1.94

T: 2:55. **A:** 26,959 (40,000).

Padres 9, Diamondbacks 4

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Tatis rf	4	2	1	0	0	1	.280
Workman ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.150
Rengifo dh	5	2	1	0	0	0	.237
Machado 3b	5	1	3	4	0	1	.213
France 1b	5	0	0	0	0	2	.289
Merrill cf	5	2	3	2	0	0	.241
Bogaerts ss	3	0	2	1	1	0	.225
Song pr-ss	0	1	0	0	1	0	.208
Fermin c	5	0	2	1	0	0	.186
Cronenworth 2b	5	0	3	1	0	0	.220
Bowen lf-rf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.162
Totals	**43**	**9**	**16**	**9**	**2**	**6**	

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Carroll rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.242
Perdomo ss	4	0	2	0	0	0	.245
Kepler lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.218
Barrosa ph-cf	2	1	1	0	0	1	.192
Marte 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.247
Arenado 3b	4	1	1	2	0	0	.244
Nootbaar dh	2	0	0	0	2	0	.231
Tawa 1b	4	1	0	0	0	0	.218
McCann c	3	1	1	2	0	0	.319
Waldschmidt cf-lf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.287
Totals	**32**	**4**	**6**	**4**	**2**	**3**	

San Diego	**330 001 101 —**	**9**	**16**	**0**
Arizona	**000 000 400 —**	**4**	**6**	**1**

E: Marte (3). **LOB:** San Diego 10, Arizona 3. **2B:** Tatis (23), Machado (20), Bogaerts (11), Fermin (9). **HR:** Arenado (16), off Márquez; McCann (4), off Márquez. **RBIs:** Machado 4 (69), Merrill 2 (54), Bogaerts (41), Fermin (15), Cronenworth (17), Arenado 2 (53), McCann 2 (21). **SB:** Bogaerts (16), Rengifo (6). **Runners left in scoring position:** San Diego 5 (Bogaerts, Fermin, Rengifo 2, Cronenworth); Arizona 0. **RISP:** San Diego 8 for 22; Arizona 0 for 0.

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Vásquez, W, 7-6	6.0	2	0	0	1	1	80	4.19
Márquez	1.0	4	4	4	1	1	28	5.26
B.Rodriguez	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	9	2.39
Canning	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	7	6.49

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
E.Rodriguez, L, 10-4	5.2	11	7	5	0	4	102	2.71
Thompson	0.1	3	1	1	1	0	24	4.43
Sewald	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	19	6.28
Carrillo	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	12	1.00
Loáisiga	1.0	2	1	1	1	0	12	2.80

T: 2:46. **A:** 20,839 (48,359).

Rays 9, Rockies 7, 11 inn.

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Díaz dh	5	2	2	0	1	2	.300
Aranda 1b	5	1	1	3	1	1	.285
Caminero 3b	6	0	2	1	0	3	.284
Hicks c	5	1	2	4	1	0	.284
Mesa rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.200
Vilade ph-rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.253
Simpson lf	5	0	2	0	0	0	.299
Mullins cf	2	1	1	0	0	0	.206
DeLuca ph-cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.259
Palacios 2b	1	1	0	0	1	0	.228
Williamson ph-2b	3	1	1	0	0	2	.249
Walls ss	3	2	1	0	1	1	.216
Totals	**43**	**9**	**12**	**8**	**5**	**11**	

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McCarthy dh	5	2	3	0	0	0	.293
Carrigg cf	4	0	1	0	1	1	.307
Moniak lf	3	1	1	3	0	1	.278
Freeman ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Goodman c	5	0	1	0	0	1	.255
Rumfield 1b	5	0	1	0	0	0	.294
Karros 3b	4	1	0	0	1	1	.268
Castro 2b	5	1	1	2	0	1	.264
Beck rf-lf	3	1	1	0	0	2	.188
Johnston ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.281
Tovar ss	4	1	2	1	0	0	.206
Totals	**41**	**7**	**11**	**6**	**2**	**8**	

Tampa Bay	**005 000 002**	**02 —**	**9**	**12**	**0**
Colorado	**104 200 000**	**00 —**	**7**	**11**	**0**

LOB: Tampa Bay 9, Colorado 6. **2B:** Hicks (10), Díaz (20), Rumfield (24), Tovar (19). **3B:** Beck (2). **HR:** Hicks (15), off Hughes; Moniak (19), off Peralta; Castro (13), off Peralta. **RBIs:** Aranda 3 (70), Hicks 4 (66), Caminero (70), Tovar (37), Moniak 3 (52), Castro 2 (48). **SB:** Simpson (29), Walls (17), Díaz (3). **S:** Walls, Freeman. **RISP:** Tampa Bay 6 for 17; Colorado 2 for 11. **DP:** Tampa Bay 2 (Palacios, Walls, Aranda; Palacios, Walls, Aranda); Colorado 1 (Karros, Castro, Rumfield).

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Peralta	3.2	9	7	7	1	3	71	5.37
Booser	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	8	1.93
Legumina	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	25	4.28
Matz	1.1	1	0	0	0	1	16	5.83
Kelly	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	8	2.08
Cleavinger, W, 4-3	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	7	3.21
Baker, S, 32-35	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	13	1.42

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Hughes	5.1	4	5	5	2	7	77	4.25
Bernardino, H, 7	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	17	2.54
Mushinski, H, 1	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	21	0.00
Mejia, H, 7	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	15	5.29
Romano, BS, 9-12	1.0	2	2	2	2	2	25	6.48
Herget	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	15	6.82
Frasso, L, 0-1	1.0	2	2	1	0	0	18	9.00

T: 3:20. **A:** 23,071 (50,144).

Astros 7, Blue Jays 2

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Lukes rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.271
Guerrero 1b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.261
Okamoto 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.231
Springer dh	3	0	1	0	1	1	.239
Kirk c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.237
Sánchez lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.271
Schneider ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.147
J.Smith ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Clement 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.288
Giménez ss	3	1	1	0	0	1	.230
Straw cf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.223
Totals	**32**	**2**	**5**	**1**	**2**	**6**	

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Peña ss	3	0	0	0	2	1	.320
Alvarez dh	4	1	1	0	1	1	.330
Paredes 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.252
Varsho cf	2	0	0	0	2	0	.242
Walker 1b	4	2	1	0	0	1	.237
Altuve 2b	4	2	3	2	0	0	.236
Allen 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.257
Trammell lf	3	2	1	3	1	0	.236
Diaz c	4	0	2	1	0	0	.261
C.Smith rf	3	0	1	1	1	0	.216
Totals	**31**	**7**	**9**	**7**	**7**	**4**	

Toronto	**000 020 000 —**	**2**	**5**	**1**
Houston	**000 240 10x —**	**7**	**9**	**1**

E: Sánchez (0), Allen (3). **LOB:** Toronto 4, Houston 7. **2B:** Straw (9), Walker (22). **3B:** Straw (1). **HR:** Trammell (5), off Dallas. **RBIs:** Straw (17), Diaz (26), C.Smith (39), Altuve 2 (31), Trammell 3 (16). **Runners left in scoring position:** Toronto 1 (Guerrero); Houston 4 (Varsho, Peña 2, Paredes). **RISP:** Toronto 0 for 3; Houston 5 for 10.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Yesavage	2.0	0	0	0	1	0	27	3.73
Dallas, L, 1-0	3.0	7	6	6	4	3	74	1.93
Fisher	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	14	4.00
Little	1.0	2	1	1	1	0	18	12.00

Tigers 8, Mariners 0

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McGonigle 3b-ss	4	0	0	1	1	1	.284
Torres 2b	5	2	1	2	0	1	.267
Outman rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.168
Dingler c	5	2	2	1	0	0	.272
Greene lf	5	2	3	1	0	2	.278
Keith dh	4	0	3	2	1	0	.273
Torkelson 1b	5	0	1	0	0	3	.220
Clark cf	4	0	0	0	1	3	.375
Báez ss	3	1	0	0	1	1	.280
Lee 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.267
McKinstry rf-2b	3	1	3	0	1	0	.219
Totals	**38**	**8**	**13**	**7**	**5**	**11**	

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Young 2b	2	0	0	0	2	0	.267
Arozarena lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.282
Canzone rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.257
Rodríguez cf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.255
Naylor 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.261
Raleigh c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.163
Donovan 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.261
Ward dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.245
Emerson ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.197
Totals	**30**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**4**	**8**	

Detroit	**003 010 004 —**	**8**	**13**	**0**
Seattle	**000 000 000 —**	**0**	**4**	**1**

E: Emerson (8). **LOB:** Detroit 8, Seattle 7. **2B:** McKinstry (12), Keith (13). **HR:** Greene (16), off Hancock; Torres (7), off Domínguez; Dingler (24), off Domínguez. **RBIs:** Keith 2 (29), Gree (54), McGonigle (42), Torres 2 (29), Dingler (73). **SB:** Keith (5). **CS:** McKinstry (5). **RISP:** Detroit 3 for 10; Seattle 0 for 4. **DP:** Detroit 1 (Torkelson, Báez); Seattle 1 (Emerson, Young, Naylor).

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Melton, W, 7-1	7.0	3	0	0	2	4	97	1.58
Waguespack	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	11	1.66
Díaz	1.0	1	0	0	1	3	30	37.80

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Hancock, L, 6-6	6.0	8	4	3	2	6	94	3.33
Rucker	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	12	4.15
Simpson	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	13	6.75
Domínguez	0.1	4	4	4	2	0	26	4.89
Wilcox	0.2	0	0	0	0	2	9	3.08

T: 2:28. **A:** 35,752 (47,929).

WNBA

East	W	L	Pct.	GB
Indiana	19	11	.633	—
Atlanta	18	11	.621	½
Liberty	18	13	.581	1½
Washington	16	12	.571	2
Chicago	11	19	.367	8
Toronto	10	20	.333	9
Connecticut	7	23	.233	12

West	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	25	6	.806	—
Las Vegas	21	9	.700	3½
Golden State	21	9	.700	3½
Dallas	19	11	.633	5½
Los Angeles	11	17	.393	12½
Phoenix	12	19	.387	13
Portland	11	19	.367	13½
Seattle	6	26	.188	19½

Tuesday
Golden State 92, Toronto 81

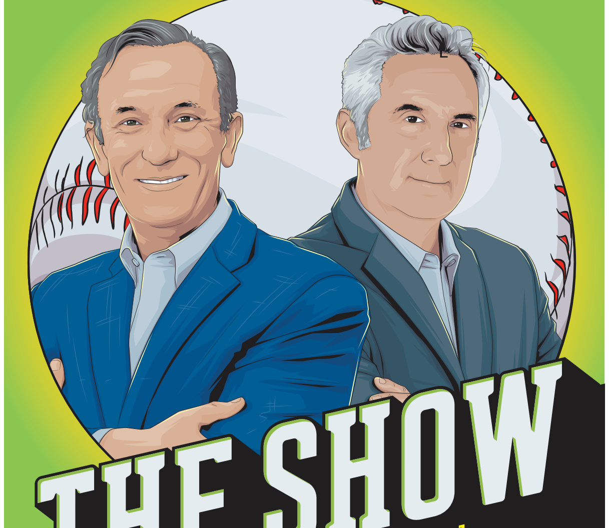
Wednesday
Seattle at **Liberty**, 4pm
Phoenix at Atlanta, 4pm
Dallas at Washington, 4:30pm
Los Angeles at Chicago, 6pm

Thursday
Las Vegas at Indiana, 4pm
Los Angeles at Minnesota, 6pm
Toronto at Portland, 7pm

Friday
Atlanta at Washington, 4:30pm
Phoenix at Connecticut, 4:30pm
Golden State at Dallas, 6:30pm

Soccer

Club Friendly
Bayern Munich 2, JeJu United 1
Almeria 2, Al Nassr 0
AS Roma 4, Newport County 1
UEFA Champions League-Qualifying, 1st Leg
Ararat Armenia 2, NK Celje 1
Slovan Bratislava 2, Mjallby AIF 1
Hapoel Be'er 1, Red Star Belgrade 0
Levski Sofia 1, Kairat Almaty 0
Dinamo Zagreb 5, Kauno Zalgiris 1
Olympiacos 0, NEC Nijmegen 0
Sparta Prague 2, Lyon 1
Union St. Gilloise 3, Bodo Glimt 0



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MLB

Favorite	Wednesday Money Line	Underdog
YANKEES	$124-153	Cardinals
Mets	$103-125	GUARDIANS
Blue Jays	-108-114	ASTROS
ORIOLES	$117-143	Angels
RED SOX	$105-130	White Sox
Twins	-106-116	ROYALS
MARINERS	$124-146	Tigers
Dodgers	$166-195	CUBS
PHILLIES	$135-165	Nationals
BRAVES	$108-132	Marlins
Pirates	$105-127	BREWERS
Padres	OFF	D'BACKS
RANGERS	$169-198	Giants
Rays	$148-172	ROCKIES
REDS	$123-152	Athletics

CFL

Favorite	Thursday PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Stampeders	1.5 (67.5)	ARGONAUTS
	Friday	
ROUGHRIDERS	7.5 (61.5)	Redblacks
	Saturday	
ALOUETTES	3.5 (58.5)	Elks
LIONS	6.5 (56.5)	Tiger-Cats

NFL Preseason

Favorite	Thursday PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Panthers	1 (35)	CARDINALS
game held in Canton, Oh.		

Home team in CAPS

WNBA

Favorite	Wednesday PTS (O/U)	Underdog
LIBERTY	8.5 (182.5)	Storm
DREAM	4.5 (181.5)	Mercury
Wings	2.5 (165.5)	MYSTICS
SKY	2.5 (188.5)	Sparks
	Thursday	
FEVER	1.5 (192.5)	Aces

College Football

Favorite	Saturday Aug. 29 PTS (O/U)	Underdog
TCU	7 (49)	North Carolina
USC	38.5 (59.5)	San Jose State
VIRGINIA	5.5 (54.5)	Nc State
N. DAKOTA ST.	7.5 (48.5)	Jacksonville St.
E. MICHIGAN	8.5 (53.5)	Sacramento St.
STANFORD	4.5 (50.5)	Hawaii
FLORIDA ST.	30.5 (53.5)	New Mexico S.
UNLV	5.5 (59.5)	Memphis

TOP PLAY

Expect pitchers' duel in Cleveland

By ERICH RICHTER

The Mets will still field a roster this season and send out one of their better pitchers in Christian Scott on Wednesday against the Guardians.

Scott will be on the bump for the team as they shift things around following the trade deadline that depleted their major league roster of talent.

The Guardians, who are firmly fighting for a playoff spot in the American League, have opened as short favorites on Wednesday evening and will send Tanner Bibee (4-11, 3.81 ERA) to the hill.

Bibee has been about league average this year, but has hit a strong stretch of late, allowing just eight earned runs over his last four starts (2.88 ERA). Typically Bibee wouldn't be the pitcher I'd be targeting for an Under bet. But if there's one lineup that can make him look like Cy Young, it's the Mets.

The Mets lineup lost some key talent at the deadline, and it wasn't good before that; they failed to score more than three runs in five of their past six games.

They have scored 11 runs in that time span.

While the offense has been suspect, their pitching can be looked at as a small bright spot.

Scott is in the midst of what many may describe as a breakout season, as July was the best month of his career, pitching to a 2.59 ERA with 32 strikeouts in 24 innings.

Both of these teams are light hitting in general, so these pitchers who are already in decent form could look been better.

When the first half moneyline releases, likely at Over/Under 4.5, take the Under as long as it's not juiced any more than -120.

THE PLAY: No runs scored in the first inning (-137, Kalshi); Under runs scored in the first five innings when released

Pitching Form

		(Game time)	2026			'25 vs OPP		CAREER	LAST 3 STARTS		
			W-L	ERA	*REC	W-L	ERA	vs OPP	W-L	IP	ERA
Giants	Whisenhunt (L)		2-2	6.63	2-2	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-2	14.0	7.71
Rangers	TBD	(2:35pm)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rays	Martinez (R)		10-3	2.77	16-5	1-0	3.38	2-2	2-1	18.0	3.50
Rockies	Sugano (R)	(3:10pm)	11-4	4.47	13-6	1-0	12.60	1-0	3-0	18.1	2.95
Athletics	Lopez (L)		5-4	5.79	6-8	—	—	0-0	0-0	14.2	4.91
Reds	Lowder (R)	(6:40pm)	3-7	5.42	7-9	—	—	0-0	0-1	13.1	8.10
Mets	McLean (R)		7-7	3.29	10-12	—	—	—	1-1	18.1	1.96
Guardians	Cecconi (R)	(6:40pm)	4-7	4.78	8-13	0-0	3.00	0-0	0-1	12.0	7.50
Cardinals	Leahy (R)		7-4	3.44	9-12	0-0	27.00	0-0	0-0	18.0	2.00
Yankees	Warren (R)	(7:05pm)	8-5	4.14	14-7	—	—	0-1	1-1	14.2	4.30
Blue Jays	Cease (R)		7-5	2.41	13-7	0-0	3.18	1-3	1-1	21.0	1.71
Astros	Brown (R)	(2:10pm)	3-1	3.42	6-4	0-0	3.00	2-1	2-1	17.1	3.12
Angels	Detmers (L)		3-7	4.03	8-14	0-0	0.00	1-2	0-1	16.1	1.65
Orioles	Rogers (L)	(6:35pm)	6-7	4.27	10-10	0-0	0.00	0-1	0-0	19.1	3.26
White Sox	Burke (R)		7-5	3.04	9-9	0-0	1.80	0-0	1-1	18.2	0.96
Red Sox	Gray (R)	(7:10pm)	13-2	2.93	15-5	0-0	0.00	7-2	2-1	18.0	5.00
Twins	Kremer (R)		1-4	6.50	3-4	0-0	0.00	2-2	0-2	14.0	10.29
Royals	Cameron (L)	(7:40pm)	5-8	4.59	5-15	2-0	0.47	3-0	0-2	20.0	5.40
Tigers	Anderson (R)		4-4	4.24	1-1	—	—	0-0	0-0	7.1	2.53
Mariners	Woo (R)	(9:40pm)	7-8	4.56	10-11	0-1	7.11	0-1	0-2	16.0	6.75
Dodgers	Lauer (L)		6-5	4.50	10-4	0-0	0.00	3-2	2-0	17.1	3.12
Cubs	Imanaga (L)	(2:20pm)	7-9	3.67	10-12	0-1	6.75	1-1	2-1	19.2	0.92
Nationals	Irvin (R)		2-5	5.56	6-6	0-0	0.00	0-5	1-1	14.0	4.50
Phillies	Painter (R)	(6:40pm)	1-8	6.72	3-10	1-0	1.69	1-0	0-2	12.2	9.95
Marlins	Pérez (R)		5-8	3.44	8-11	0-0	6.75	0-2	0-1	19.0	1.89
Braves	Elder (R)	(7:15pm)	7-6	3.84	12-9	1-0	0.00	3-4	2-0	17.0	2.12
Pirates	Skenes (R)		9-9	3.90	9-14	2-0	1.46	3-2	1-1	16.1	6.06
Brewers	May (R)	(7:40pm)	5-7	4.38	10-11	0-1	4.76	0-2	0-1	16.0	3.38
Padres	Mize (R)		4-6	2.70	5-11	0-0	2.35	0-0	0-1	15.0	3.00
D'Backs	Bratt (L)	(9:40pm)	0-1	5.23	3-2	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	14.2	4.91

*** REC:** Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

SPORTS SHORTS

MLB: Cubs spoil Skubal's L.A. debut

The Cubs spoiled **Tarik Skubal's** debut with the slumping Dodgers on Tuesday night, posting a 5-1 victory in Chicago behind key RBI singles by **Nico Hoerner** and **Pete Crow-Armstrong**.

Skubal permitted two runs and four hits over six innings in his first start since he was acquired in a trade with Detroit on Saturday night. He struck out six and walked two while throwing 85 pitches, 51 for strikes.

● In Denver, **Liam Hicks** hit a grand slam as the Rays overcame a rough debut from former Mets pitcher **Freddy Peralta** to win 9-7 over the Rockies. Peralta allowed seven runs on nine hits in 3 2/3 innings.

● In Boston, **Caleb Durbin** hit a grand slam, **Patrick Sandoval** earned his first major league win in more than two years and the Red Sox extended their winning streak to six games with a 14-2 victory over the White Sox.

● In Atlanta, **Ozzie Albies** and **Austin Riley** hit home runs and the Braves extended their winning streak to six games with a 4-2 victory over the Marlins.

● In Philadelphia, **Luis Arraez** had two hits and two RBIs in his Philadelphia debut and the Phillies beat the Nationals 5-0 for their fourth straight victory.

● In Phoenix, **Manny Machado** had three hits and four RBIs and the Padres won 9-4 over the Diamondbacks for their ninth victory in the past 11 games.

● In Seattle, **Troy Melton** threw seven sharp innings as the Tigers beat the Mariners 8-0 to earn their fourth straight win and open their post-**Tarik Skubal** era.

● In Milwaukee, **Jackson Chourio** and **Andrew Vaughn** homered, **Logan Henderson** allowed two runs in six innings to win his sixth consecutive decision, and the Brewers beat the Pirates 4-2.

NFL: Flowers lands big-money deal

The Ravens have agreed to a four-year, $140 million contract extension with two-time Pro Bowl receiver **Zay Flowers**, a person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press.

The agreement, which includes $108 million guaranteed, is a sizable commitment to Flowers, who is coming off a season in which he caught 86 passes for 1,211 yards and five touchdowns.

● Standout right tackle **Darnell Wright** has agreed to a lucrative contract extension with the Bears and received the highest deal for a right tackle in NFL history. It's a four-year, $116 million contract with $93 million guaranteed, a person familiar with the agreement said.

● The Falcons have agreed to a three-year contract extension with **Bijan Robinson** through the 2030 season that makes the fourth-year player the NFL's highest-paid running back. The extension is worth up to $75 million with incentives, with $51 million guaranteed, a person with knowledge of the details told The AP.

STITCHES

Forecast: Sonny, Gray at Fenway

Uh-oh. Gov. Kathy Hochul is suing prediction betting market Kalshi "to prevent problematic gambling and to protect New Yorkers." Considering our lengthy losing streak, we may be next.

More good news for Stitch-haters. If you've grown tired of reading this every day since March, Mayor Mamdani wants to implement a four-day workweek. I'm thinking Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

White Sox/Red Sox at Fenway. Both teams playing well above expectations. Chicago's Sean Burke blanked the Yanks for six innings in his last start and has allowed five runs in his past 31 innings. Boston's Sonny Gray is 13-2 but has given up nine runs on 17 hits in his past 12 innings. The Bosox have Adley Rutschman. The Chisox still have Pope Leo. $50 on the Red Sox.

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Amazin! Sean Manaea pitched six innings. Luis Torrens, Bo Bichette and Carson Benge homered. The Mets gored the Guards 6-2. Our first W in weeks! Down -676 tugmcgraws.

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Home Team Lineups

HOME AWAY

	TODAY Aug. 5	THU Aug. 6	FRI Aug. 7	SAT Aug. 8	SUN Aug. 9
	St. Louis 7:05 Prime Video 660 AM 101.9 FM	NO GAME	Atlanta 7:05 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Atlanta 3:05 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Atlanta 1:35 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM
	Cleveland 6:40 SNY 880 AM	Cleveland 1:10 SNY 880 AM	Pittsburgh 6:40 PIX11 880 AM	Pittsburgh 6:40 SNY 880 AM	Pittsburgh 1:35 SNY 880 AM
	Seattle 7:00 Fox 5 USA	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	Las Vegas 12:30 ABC

Saturday, Aug. 15		Thursday		Friday	
	Atlanta United 7:30 Apple TV		Santos Laguna 7:30 Apple TV		SD Wave FC 8:00 Prime Video

Today's Sports on the Air

MLB BASEBALL		
2 p.m.	Dodgers at Cubs	MLBN
6:40 p.m.	Mets at Guardians	SNY, 880 AM
7:05 p.m.	Cardinals at Yankees	Prime Video, 660 AM, 101.9 FM
7:30 p.m.	Pirates at Brewers	ESPN
10:30 p.m.	Tigers at Mariners (joined in progress)	MLBN
WNBA BASKETBALL		
7 p.m.	Storm at Liberty	Fox 5, USA
9 p.m.	Sparks at Sky	CNBC, USA
MEN'S SOCCER		
7 a.m.	Club Friendly: K-League All-Stars vs. Manchester City	CBSSN
2:25 p.m.	Club Friendly: Real Betis vs. Arsenal	CBSSN
6:25 p.m.	CONCACAF U-20 Championship Quarters: Canada vs. Jamaica	FS1
7 p.m.	USL League One: New York Cosmos at Richmond Kickers	CBSSN
9:50 p.m.	CONCACAF U-20 Championship Quarters: Mexico vs. Panama	FS2
10 p.m.	Leagues Cup: Seattle Sounders at Toluca	FS1
NWSL WOMEN'S SOCCER		
10 p.m.	North Carolina Courage at Denver Summit	CBSSN
TENNIS		
11 a.m.	ATP/WTA Canada: 2nd Round	Tennis
SOFTBALL		
7 p.m.	Athletes Unlimited Softball Little League Pro Game: Team Watley vs. Team Fernandez	ESPN2
LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES		
10 a.m.	Toms River, NJ vs. Sango, Japan	ESPN2
1 p.m.	Repentigny, Quebec vs. Snohomish, Wash	ESPN2
HORSE RACING		
1 p.m.	Saratoga Live	FS2
MEN'S RUGBY		
5:45 a.m.(Thu.)	NRL: North Queensland at Gold Coast	FS2

GOLF

Favorites to win 2027 men's majors

MASTERS	ODDS	U.S. OPEN	ODDS
Scottie Scheffler	+450	Scottie Scheffler	+450
Rory McIlroy	+600	Rory McIlroy	+800
Bryson DeChambeau	14/1	Jon Rahm	14/1
Jon Rahm	14/1	Xander Schauffele	16/1
Xander Schauffele	16/1	Ludvig Aberg	20/1
Cam Young	18/1	Tommy Fleetwood	20/1
Ludvig Aberg	18/1	Bryson DeChambeau	25/1
Collin Morikawa	25/1	Cameron Young	25/1
Tommy Fleetwood	25/1	Matt Fitzpatrick	25/1
PGA CHAMPIONSHIP	**ODDS**	**THE OPEN**	**ODDS**
Scottie Scheffler	+450	Scottie Scheffler	+550
Rory McIlroy	+600	Rory McIlroy	+900
Bryson DeChambeau	14/1	Tommy Fleetwood	16/1
Jon Rahm	14/1	Matt Fitzpatrick	20/1
Xander Schauffele	16/1	Jon Rahm	22/1
Cam Young	18/1	Ludvig Aberg	22/1
Ludvig Aberg	18/1	Bryson DeChambeau	25/1
Collin Morikawa	25/1	Xander Schauffele	25/1

ODDS & ENDS

GOLF

Favorites to win Wyndham Championship

GOLFER	ODDS
Cam Young	+900
Jackson Koivun	18/1
Hideki Matsuyama	20/1
Ben Griffin	28/1
Justin Thomas	30/1
Ryan Gerard	30/1
Tom Kim	30/1
Aaron Rai	33/1
Alex Fitzpatrick	40/1
Davis Thompson	40/1
Maverick McNealy	40/1
Doug Ghim	45/1
Harris English	45/1
Keegan Bradley	45/1
Ben Kohles	50/1
Brooks Koepka	50/1
Mac Meissner	50/1
Michael Brennan	50/1
Sungjae Im	50/1
Alex Noren	55/1
Brian Harman	55/1
Jordan Smith	55/1
Jordan Spieth	55/1
Keith Mitchell	55/1
Ryo Hisatsune	55/1
Blades Brown	60/1
Bud Cauley	60/1
Alex Smalley	66/1
J.T. Poston	66/1
Matt Wallace	66/1
Ben James	66/1
Emiliano Grillo	66/1
Eric Cole	66/1
Marco Penge	66/1
Max Greyserman	66/1
Michael Kim	66/1
Rasmus Højgaard	66/1
Sahith Theegala	66/1
Billy Horschel	80/1
Chris Kirk	80/1
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	80/1
Pierceson Coody	80/1
Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen	80/1
Jackson Suber	80/1
Johnny Keefer	80/1
Kevin Yu	80/1
Nick Taylor	80/1
Sepp Straka	80/1
Beau Hossler	90/1
Denny McCarthy	90/1
Rico Hoey	90/1
Aldrich Potgieter	100/1

LIV Golf New York

GOLFER	ODDS
Jon Rahm	+500
Bryson DeChambeau	+550
Tyrrell Hatton	+700
Joaquin Niemann	10/1
Lucas Herbert	12/1
Cameron Smith	16/1
Carlos Ortiz	22/1

BET SMART

Take a swing with these long shots

By MICHAEL LEBOFF

What a year it's been for Cam Young.

The New York native finally won his maiden PGA Tour title at the 2025 Wyndham Championship and, 12 months later, returns to Sedgefield Country Club as the betting favorite to repeat. Not only that, Young is now ranked the No. 3 golfer in the world, behind only Scottie Scheffler and Rory McIlroy.

The 29-year-old has two wins, a runner-up, two third-place finishes, and eight top 10s in 16 starts this season. A made cut this week would mean he goes the entire 2026 campaign without an early exit, since the three FedEx Cup Playoff events don't have cuts.

Despite all of that, Young will play second fiddle this week to the second-favorite, Jackson Koivun.

Playing in just his sixth event as a professional golfer, the 21-year-old is the only other golfer besides Young (+900) to be priced under 20/1 at the Wyndham Championship. Koivun, just two weeks removed from his maiden victory at the 3M Open, is 18/1 to lift the trophy at Sedgefield on Sunday.

The rest of the field behind Young and Koivun isn't that intimidating. Because of its spot on the calendar, immediately before the FedEx Cup Playoffs, a lot of the stars opt to skip the annual trip to Sedgefield. Hideki Matsuyama (20/1), Ryan Gerard (30/1), and Ben Griffin (28/1), round out the top five on the odds board this week.

With a weak field and a course that rewards precision over power, the Wyndham Championship is a tournament that regularly produces long-shot winners. Jim Herman was 600/1 when he shocked everyone in 2020, Kevin Kisner (2021) and Lucas Glover (2023) were 60/1 in their triumphs, and Young was 55/1 when he broke through last year.

We'll focus on a few big prices to see if we can find the next big surprise at Sedgefield:

2026 Wyndham Championship picks

Ben Kohles (50/1, bet365)

The unheralded 36-year-old is in fantastic form ahead of the Wyndham Championship.

After missing consecutive cuts at the CJ Cup and Charles Schwab, Kohles has rattled off six straight top 30 finishes and has a pair of top 10s in his past four outings, including a T3 at the John Deere just over a month ago.

Kohles' course history isn't pretty with a pair of MCs in three starts at Sedgefield, but he's in the best form of his career and should fit the profile you want at this course.

Billy Horschel (115/1, DraftKings)

There's no getting around where Billy Horschel is at in his career right now. The eight-time PGA Tour winner is past his prime, and he's essentially 50/50 to make the cut every week.

However, when Horschel does make the weekend, he is making some noise.

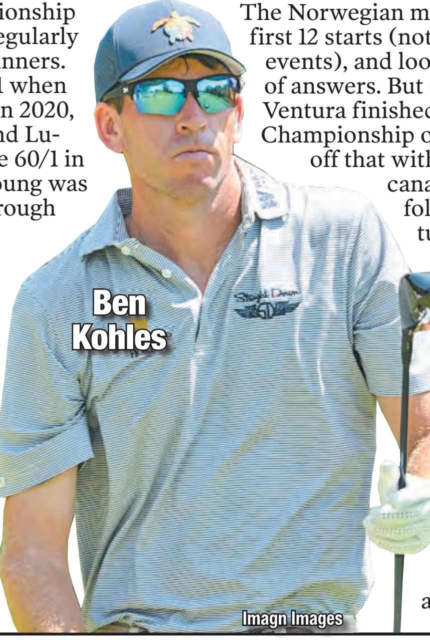
Horschel has made the weekend just twice in his past five outings, but he finished in the top 15 on both occasions.

I like Horschel's chances of repeating that trick this week, as he's had plenty of success at Sedgefield over the years. The 39-year-old has finished 11th or better, including a runner-up (2020) and a solo fourth (2023), in six of his past eight trips to the Wyndham Championship.

This tournament has a habit of rewarding savvy veterans (Kisner, Glover, Herman, and Webb Simpson), and I don't think it's out of the question that Horschel joins that list.

Kristoffer Ventura (125/1, DraftKings)

It looked like 2026 was going to be a season from hell for Kristoffer Ventura. The Norwegian missed 11 cuts in his first 12 starts (not including team events), and looked completely out of answers. But out of nowhere, Ventura finished T5 at the ISCO Championship on July 12 and built off that with a T15 at the Puntacana Championship the following week. He tumbled to T51 at the 3M Open, but bounced right back with a T5 at last week's Rocket Classic. Two top five finishes and three top 15s in his past four outings are enough to get me in on Ventura at this price against this field.


Ben Kohles
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MARINE SOAR

‘Poised’ French guard thriving in key role off bench for Liberty

By HOWIE KUSSOY

It has been more than five years since Marine Fauthoux was drafted by the Liberty.

But only in the past two-plus weeks has the French guard shown Brooklyn what it was missing.

“She’s just so poised,” Sabrina Ionescu said following Monday’s win over the Storm. “She missed a lot of time at the beginning of the year … and it feels like she hasn’t missed a beat. She’s able to come in, make play after play, she gets deflections, she gets [offensive] boards, she pushes the ball, she makes great passes and reads, she doesn’t turn the ball over a lot, she makes big shots when we need it.

“I’d say you can tell that she’s been playing at a really high level for a really long time, but to be able to see that translate to the W[NBA] in the really short amount of time is really telling about her and her potential because it means she’s just gonna continue to get better.”

Fauthoux, 25, made her WNBA debut only two months ago.

After a few cameos, the draft-and-stash rookie — who tore her left ACL last year — didn’t appear for 12 straight games before returning to action July 18, when the Liberty suffered their eighth loss in 10 games.

Since then, the Liberty (18-13) have won five of their past six games, with Fauthoux playing a key role off the bench in each contest. Since being inserted into the rotation — coinciding with the benching of Betnijah Laney-Hamilton — Fauthoux is playing more than 18 minutes per game, averaging 6.1 points, 3.1 rebounds and 2.3 assists, while shooting 44.8 percent from the field (36.8 percent on 3-pointers).

Wednesday
STORM AT LIBERTY
7 p.m.
Fox 5
USA Network

In Monday’s win, Fauthoux had a career-high five assists in 14 minutes. Six days earlier, she scored a career-best 13 points in a win at Los Angeles. A week before that, the 5-foot-9 guard posted a double-double (10 points, 10 rebounds) in an overtime win at Dallas.

“I just want to win,” Fauthoux said. “Every time I’m on the court, I want to give my best. It’s the most important for me to help the team and fight.”

Fauthoux can only appear in two more games (12 total) as a developmental player before the Liberty would have to convert her to a standard contract and waive another player from the roster, such as Laney-Hamilton or rookie Raquel Carrera. (Another wrinkle: Fauthoux could miss as many as four games later this month to participate in a training camp with the French women’s team before the FIBA World Cup.)

But it doesn’t sound like head coach Chris DeMarco sees another choice.

“The compete level with Marine is just so high and she does all these little things that’s not going to show up in a boxscore,” DeMarco said. “She’ll catch the ball on the wing and she’ll fake a little bit just to move a defender, set up a pick-and-roll. She’ll use her eyes to look this way, find the pocket. She does all these little things that just aren’t going to pop unless you’re really looking at each individual action.

“It’s just those intangibles, and then defensively, she’s in the right spots and she competes and she just elevates our other players. So the way she’s been playing, she’s going to get those minutes.”

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BIG TIME! Coach Chris DeMarco said Marine Fauthoux will continue to get more minutes with the way she’s been playing off the bench for the Liberty.

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Status of LIV team championship remains up in the air

By CHRISTIAN ARNOLD

Whether the LIV Golf team championship will take place next week remains a mystery after players took part in more than 90 minutes of meetings at Trump National Golf Club Bedminster in New Jersey ahead of this week’s LIV event.

Many of the LIV golfers on site did not stop to speak with reporters after LIV CEO Scott O’Neil met with the captains of the 13 teams, followed by a meeting with all the players in the league and team general managers, which was then followed by a players-only meeting led by Bryson DeChambeau.

Golfer Thomas Detry told Front Office Sports that there were “no updates” about the team championship or about any potential investors, and added that there was “just positive information.”

Korean Golf Club captain Byeong Hun An told reporters that “we’ll see what happens” with respect to whether the team championship in Michigan takes place as planned.

“We know as much as everyone knows. There’s no no or yes. I’m waiting on it,” he said.

O’Neil will provide a league update to the media Wednesday, according to a schedule released for this week’s LIV Golf New York event.

The event at Trump Bedminster is one of the last events on the LIV Golf schedule for 2026, which has been a year of turmoil for the rebel golf league.

LIV’s existence has been called into question following the Saudi Public Investment Fund’s decision to pull its funding for the league after this season, forcing O’Neil to hunt for new investors to keep the league afloat.

Last week, The Post’s Mark Cannizzaro revealed that LIV Golf was on the cusp of landing new investors that would keep the lights on for 2027 and beyond, with the understanding that O’Neil had found roughly $250 million to $300 million he had been looking for in outside funding.

“There’s still a lot to go, but Scott told us what he knows, and we’re still committed to next year, and hopefully some good comes with it,” LIV golfer Richard Bland said. “We’re in this together. We’re fully backing Scott, and I think probably in the next two to three weeks we’ll have a bigger picture.”

Still, with the future of the league remaining in flux, it has raised questions about whether any LIV golfers were looking to jump ship.

Speaking with reporters Tuesday morning, Cameron Smith expressed optimism that O’Neil will keep the LIV ship afloat.

“I’m a positive guy, so I’ve made no effort to go seek anything else,” he said.

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Saratoga

Analysis by Vic Cangialosi

Lock of the Day | **Usha (9th)**
Lock Record: 9 for 18 (50%)
Meet Record: 49/192 $319.38

1 2 3/8 miles(T); $150,000; A.P. Smithwick; stplchs

A Grade 1 jump race in the opener. **ST JAMES THE GREAT** jumped 3rd behind the winner **MCTIGUE** when they met here on the 5th of July. Taking St. James the Great in the rematch. He won handily in March. McTigue hadn't won since the summer of 2023. **SMART UNCLE** closed to within 2 lengths in a shorter 50k in May.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Fil Dor(FR),158	C Tierney	6-4-1	Hendriks	8-1
2	Take Your Seats(IRE),144	E Dwan	4-3-4	Garner	5-1
3	St James the Great,146	S Mulqueen	3-7-1	Brion	7-2
4	L'Avvocato(FR),142	J Power	3-8-1	Neilson	15-1
5	Salted Carmel,142	H Beswick	4-7-3	Brion	12-1
6	Roja Redemption,142	F Procter	2-1-3	Fisher	4-1
7	Smart Uncle,142	J Bargary	3-4-6	Fisher	10-1
8	McTigue(IRE),156	G Watters	1-7-3	Murphy	9-5

2 7 fur; $100,000; mdn; 3up(f)

Board hitter 2 of 3 last year, **QUIDDITY** makes her 3YO debut for Hennig. 1st time lasix; 1st time Irad. **FABIANS PRINCESS** One-n-done. Debuted 4th in the slop last November. Blinkers on; 1st time lasix. **CARMEN AMALIA** led, settled for 2nd at 17-1 here last month. Shorter price today but not sure she wants another furlong. Rivera on..blinkers on.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Promise Me Amelody(M),122	J Rodriguez	x-x-x	Clement	9-2
2	Fabian's Princess(M),122	F Prat	4-x-x	De Paz	5-2
3	Giovanna Marie(M),122	K Carmouche	x-x-x	Levine	12-1
4	Midnight Honor(L),122	R Gutierrez	6-x-x	Tagg	10-1
5	Allegro Brillant(M),122	D Davis	x-x-x	Duggan	15-1
6	Quiddity(M),122	I Ortiz, Jr	3-7-4	Hennig	9-5
7	Carmen Amalia(L),122	D Rivera	2-5-x	Donk	7-2

3 1 mile; $115,000; mdn; 3up(f)

Brad Cox ships **WEDELIA** from Churchill after finishing 4th, then 2nd in the slop. Choice over the debuting **MARIA LOUISE** (Pletcher/Johnny V/Gun Runner). **SLOW KARA** placed 2nd at this distance then a distant 6th in the longer Grade 3 Gazelle. Rider change to Gaffalione. **MISS TWITTER** (Brown/Franco/Not This Time) runs first time as well.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Empress New Groove(L),121	D Davis	8-5-9	Joseph	8-1
2	Noble Glow(M),121	F Prat	6-x-x	C Brown	9-2
3	Maria Louise(M),121	J Velazquez	x-x-x	Pletcher	5-2
4	Wedelia(L),121	I Ortiz, Jr	2-4-x	Cox	6-5
5	Reconnected(L),121	K Carmouche	12-x-x	A Dutrow	20-1
6	Miss Twitter(M),121	M Franco	x-x-x	C Brown	8-1
7	Slow Kara(L),121	T Gaffalione	6-2-4	Joseph	10-1

4 1 1/8 miles(T); $125,000; alw; 3up(f)

Two turns on the turf. **LADY FIREFOOT** tired making 3 turns at Aqueduct. Shortens, racing for new team Schauer/Santana. 1 for 13 over the last 2 years so she figures to be a price. **SERENDIPTY** showed the way but got caught, racing off the year-long layoff. Won the Grade 3 Selene, wire-to-wire prior to the break. Tougher, 2nd off the shelf for Cox. Irad a good sign. **UNREASONABLE** raced evenly, and was held off by a 1/2 length. Clement gives her more ground. **POWER OF DESTINY** moved lower and won narrowly at Woodbine. Tough spot, but may take advantage if they duel up front.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Relaxx(FR)(L),126	F Prat	2-5-x	Clement	7-2
2	Unreasonable(IRE)(L),126	M Franco	2-4-2	Clement	3-1
3	Ontario(L),126	J Ortiz	6-6-1	Sharp	8-1
4	Flowers for Me(L),126	D Davis	4-8-4	Ryerson	15-1
5	Lady Firefoot(L),126	R Santana, Jr	6-4-5	Schauer	8-1
6	Power of Destiny(GB)(L),126	J Velazquez	1-7-2	Begg	5-1
7	Serendipity(L),126	I Ortiz, Jr	2-1-2	Cox	9-5
8	Purloin(L),126	Rider TBA	5-1-2	Rice	2-1
9	Boxed Wine(L),126	R Santana, Jr	4-4-1	Abreu	4-1

5 6 fur; $78,000; alw; 3YO

And we have Irad winning 3 of the first 4 with **SHARONS BEACH**. Runnerup last 3 starts. No more than a length off the winner in each, the latest at Indiana. Co-fave with **RAMAJAY** who has won 2 of his last 3. Prat puts the Gulfstream shipper on the lead. **MR HOOLIGAN** edges higher after winning gate-to-wire, his 3rd from 11 starts. Speed on the rail; J Ortiz up.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Tripp's Promise(L),123	J Alvarado	4-1-2	Romans	8-1
2	Mr. Hooligan(L),123	J Ortiz	1-8-2	Rice	6-1
3	Life Is Gravy(IRE)(L),121	E Ellingwood	5-3-2	Summers	12-1
4	Ramajay(L),123	F Prat	1-3-1	Joseph	5-2
5	Rochester(L),123	M Franco	5-1-6	Moquett	20-1
6	Sharons Beach(L),123	I Ortiz, Jr	2-2-2	Thomas	8-5
7	Imagine John(L),121	J Morelos	6-4-2	Antonucci	6-1
8	Unauthorized(L),123	R Santana, Jr	1-3-6	Brisset	10-1

6 5 1/2 fur(T); $115,000; mdn; 2YO(f)

Two-year-old fillies on the turf. **ROCKABYE** was denied by a neck, racing this distance here a month ago. Can move forward for Clement. **WITHOUT HESITATION** (Ward/J Ortiz/Jackies Warrior), **QUEENLY** (Weaver/Irad/Hard Spun) and **NOT MY NICHE** (Brown/Prat/Omaha Beach) make career debuts. **NEVER GONNA STOP** was a game 2nd on the grass at Ellis. Santana on the shipper.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Shinobu,123	T Gaffalione	4-x-x	Sharp	8-1
2	Harpoon,123	J Castellano	6-x-x	Casse	12-1
3	Embouteillage,123	J Velazquez	x-x-x	Motion	12-1
4	Never Gonna Stop(IRE),123	R Santana, Jr	2-x-x	Casse	6-1
5	Not My Niche,123	F Prat	x-x-x	C Brown	8-1
6	Queenly,123	I Ortiz, Jr	x-x-x	Weaver	5-1
7	Rockabye,123	M Franco	2-x-x	Clement	7-2
8	Oh Come On,123	L Saez	x-x-x	LaRose	20-1
9	Without Hesitation,123	J Ortiz	x-x-x	Ward	2-1
10	Jolene,123	Rider TBA	x-x-x	Pletcher	5-1
11	R Kan't Miss,123	T Gaffalione	5-x-x	Joseph	8-1
12	Saytara,123	Rider TBA	x-x-x	Pletcher	12-1
13	Seaside Startup,123	F Prat	x-x-x	C Brown	5-2

7 6 fur; $45,000; mdn clm($25,000); 3up

Irad again. **ABRIGADO** made his 3YO debut at Churchill and turned in 3 lengths short. Graduates 2nd off the layoff moving lower. Blinkers on. **DRAFT RIOTS** Turf to dirt for Clement. Led, faded to be 4th last dirt start. Tightens a 1/16. Santana on the Monmouth invader. Blinkers on. **MR RT** is 0 for 11 but in the money last 3 starts. Samsundar has had some big money winners off the claim.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	It's Banksy(M),126	J Morelos	x-x-x	Antonucci	12-1
2	Implacable(L),126	K Carmouche	8-4-3	Summers	6-1
3	Camino(L),122	C Elliott	5-3-2	Moquett	15-1
4	Holy Dancer(L),126	E Zayas	4-5-6	Zito	20-1
5	Lough Currane(L),126	J Rodriguez	3-3-2	Terranova II	20-1
6	Mr R T(L),126	R Gutierrez	3-2-2	Samsundar	15-1
7	Draft Riots(L),126	R Santana, Jr	6-4-5	Clement	3-1
8	Wingfoot(L),122	M Franco	2-3-8	Rice	10-1
9	Abrigado(L),122	I Ortiz, Jr	4-5-5	Cox	7-5
10	Unbridled Justice(L),122	J Ortiz	4-4-x	Sacco	12-1
11	Fess(L),122	D Davis	4-6-x	Ribaudo	50-1

8 1 mile(T); $125,000; alw; 3up(f)

Taking **SHORE WAR** right back after winning handily at Laurel for Amelia Green. Irad plays catch us if you can. **ASHIKIDAH** French filly made US debut at Saratoga and finished 4th, only 3/4 off the winner. Contender, 2nd off the layoff for Antonacci. **TIRUPATI** Neck shy, this distance last out. Won a Grade 3 gate-to-wire by open lengths about 1 1/2 years ago. Hasn't won since. Thomas gets Saez to snap the skid. **MARKETPLACEOFIDEAS** enters off back-to-back Ws. Chad Browns late running filly gets a pace to chase. And Browns **BRISBANE** was 3rd, a neck better than the rusty Ashikidah.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Ashikidah(FR)(L),126	T Gaffalione	4-x-x	Antonacci	2-1
2	Gowells Delight(L),126	J Ortiz	4-5-1	McPeek	12-1
3	Tirupati(L),126	L Saez	2-4-5	Thomas	7-2
4	Pop Art(L),126	K Carmouche	1-1-3	Proctor	12-1
5	Marketplaceofideas(L),126	D Davis	1-1-2	C Brown	8-1
6	Brisbane(FR)(L),126	F Prat	3-4-1	C Brown	5-2
7	Shore War(L),126	I Ortiz, Jr	1-4-3	Green	5-1
8	Miss Enchanted(L),126	J Alvarado	3-3-3	Romans	12-1
9	Sailaway(L),126	R Santana, Jr	7-2-1	Rodriguez	6-1
10	Pronghorn(L),126	J Ortiz	2-1-2	Asmussen	5-2
11	Midtown Lights(L),126	T Gaffalione	3-3-3	Joseph	15-1
12	Bow Draw(L),126	I Ortiz, Jr	3-1-2	Rice	9-2
13	Concurrently(L),121	F Prat	1-3-1	C Brown	4-1

9 7 fur; $200,000; Johnstone; 3up(f)

Bob Baffert ships **USHA** to the Spa after falling well short in the Grade 2 Chicago. Winner 4 of previous 6 including a Grade 1 at this distance. Prat stays on; so do we. **WITH THE ANGELS** Turf to dirt for Rice. 7 for 10 on dirt and won only start at 7/8. Gets J Ortiz back. **IRON ORCHARD** tired badly in a Grade 3 racing off the 9 month layoff. Better 2nd off the shelf for Asmussen. Winner 3 of previous 4 including the Grade 1 Frizette. Rider change to Irad. **NAIVE MELODY** is 4 for 5. The loss was in her only stake start. **LANDED** was 6th in a 200k but 2 for 2 at this shorter distance.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Bam's Bliss Kiss,126	J Rodriguez	6-1-1	Abreu	6-1
2	Landed,126	J Velazquez	6-2-3	Ward	10-1
3	Munnings Express,124	M Franco	3-3-1	Rice	8-1
4	Sunday Girl,126	K Davis	7-2-4	Duggan	15-1
5	With the Angels,126	J Ortiz	4-4-1	Rice	7-2
6	Usha,126	F Prat	7-1-3	Baffert	6-5
7	Iron Orchard,122	I Ortiz, Jr	9-9-1	Asmussen	8-1
8	Naive Melody,124	D Davis	1-1-1	Ward	12-1

10 1 1/16 miles(T); $56,000; mdn clm($50,000); 3up

Clement's **ROSSBEIGH** was 3rd, a neck behind Sharp's **BEAU CHEVAL** who was 2nd. Rossbeigh has made the board all 3 starts. Beau Cheval out of the money 4 other starts. **CHRIS'S SONG** MTO.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Beau Cheval(L),121	J Ortiz	2-5-4	Sharp	9-2
2	Vitalize(L),126	D Davis	6-9-4	Donk	12-1
3	Nonno Joe(L),126	E Zayas	8-4-6	Rodriguez	15-1
4	Wazey's Charm(L),121	L Saez	3-x-x	Green	6-1
5	Bourboncentric(L),121	R Santana, Jr	4-6-x	Morley	6-1
6	Rossbeigh(L),126	M Franco	3-3-2	Clement	5-2
7	Berman(L),121	J Lezcano	5-x-x	Hills	20-1
8	Portadown Lad(L),121	K Carmouche	6-2-8	Ferraro	20-1
9	Followill(L),121	C Elliott	4-9-4	DeVaux	15-1
10	Classic Commander(L),121	J Velazquez	6-2-4	Kantarmaci	7-2
11	Sunshine Bobalou(L),121	C Gonzalez	8-5-x	Chichakly	50-1
12	Poppy's Ticket(L),126	Rider TBA	2-7-5	Englehart	6-1
13	Chris's Song(L),126	R Santana, Jr	4-3-6	Rice	3-1
14	Mo Curls(L),121	Rider TBA	2-6-6	Rodriguez	8-1

PLAY OF THE DAY

Force Of Midnight (7-1) and Luminous Beauty (12-1) both led in their races last Sunday. Force Of Midnight stopped but Luminous Beauty held well for 2nd. Profit on the day: +$33.28. Down -$359.38 for the meet.

One bet. Play $10 across the board on Lady Firefoot in Race 4. — *Vic Cangialosi*

Yonkers entries for Wednesday

FIRST: Mile pace; $15,000; cond

1	Thersomthinggoinon	(Kelly)	3-1-7	8-1
2	Kevin Kline N	(PLachance)	8-5-5	5-1
3	Hp Momentum	(JMarohn)	7-3-3	6-1
4	Dance Partner	(MKakaley)	3-4-8	2-1
5	Kopi Luwak	(BHolland)	5-5-6	9-5
6	Casino Action N	(VGinsburg)	6-7-5	20-1
7	Levine	(DDube)	4-4-7	20-1
8	Music Hall	(ASiegelman)	8-3-8	20-1

SECOND: Mile pace; $21,000; cond

1	ChurchviewfrnklIr	(PLchnce)	5-3-6	5-1
2	The Greek Freak	(MKakaley)	8-3-7	3-1
3	Charlies Wish	(CKelly)	2-2-4	9-2
4	Lyrical Genius A	(JMarohn)	4-3-3	7-2
5	Dunkin'	(BHolland)	1-5-2	2-1
6	Lamandier A	(ASiegelman)	6-1-6	20-1

THIRD: Mile pace; $18,000; claiming

1	Onyx Bovino	(JMarohn)	1-4-4	7-2
2	Aussie Hanover	(VGinsburg)	4-4-6	20-1
3	Tip Of Time	(PLachance)	6-8-5	20-1
4	Mad River	(ASiegelman)	4-5-8	6-1
5	Alabamajamma	(CKelly)	2-1-2	5-2
6	Sailboat Hanover	(BHolland)	1-1-2	4-1
7	SimonSaysHanover	(MKkley)	1-1-2	3-1

FOURTH: Mile pace; $24,000; claiming

1	KeayangKamikazeA	(Marhn)	4-3-6	7-2
2	SumomentsmwhereA	(DDbe)	1-2-5	3-1
3	Bettor By Seaside	(CKelly)	2-1-8	5-2
4	Optical Illusion N	(BHolland)	6-6-3	8-1
5	Ever Hoping A	(MKakaley)	1-1-5	4-1
6	Iknowbetter	(ASiegelman)	1-6-4	9-2

FIFTH: Mile pace; $19,000; cond

1	Just Enuff Stuff	(BHolland)	1-7-4	5-2
2	Silky Choice	(MKakaley)	X-1-8	3-1
3	Printville	(CKelly)	5-7-8	15-1
4	In Excess N	(PLachance)	1-4-6	9-2
5	CoalfordTopgyGb	(VGnsbrg)	3-8-4	6-1
6	Jett Star N	(JMarohn)	2-3-6	4-1
7	Feelin Western	(DDube)	1-2-7	20-1
8	Its A Me Mario	(ASiegelman)	2-3-3	20-1

SIXTH: Mile trot; $23,000; cond

1	Ctm	(ASiegelman)	3-1-5	8-1
2	Goya	(MKakaley)	1-6-3	5-2
3	Rico Tubbs	(BHolland)	5-7-7	8-1
4	Press	(RSchnittker)	7-2-4	6-1
5	Tregaron	(CKelly)	4-1-4	10-1
6	B Eyelash	(DDube)	5-5-1	20-1
7	Chapter Geo J	(PLachance)	1-1-2	6-5

SEVENTH: Mile pace; $20,000; claiming

1	Stellar Yankee	(DDube)	7-7-4	9-2
2	Bell's David	(BHolland)	6-4-1	4-1
3	Boiling Oar	(VGinsburg)	2-1-1	5-1
4	Topville Somebeach	(CKelly)	6-1-1	3-2
5	Hard To Catch	(MKakaley)	3-4-5	20-1
6	Rayray	(PLachance)	3-5-3	20-1
7	Quote Me NotN	(Siegelman)	3-4-6	20-1
8	Rawtn Tale	(JMarohn)	8-2-1	6-1

EIGHTH: Mile pace; $19,000; cond

1	Orlando Blue A	(CKelly)	2-3-6	2-1
2	Lyons Benjamin	(MKakaley)	8-6-6	6-1
3	TheMikiTakerA	(Siegelman)	5-2-6	9-2
4	Mysweetboymax	(DDube)	8-7-7	7-2
5	Pyro	(JMarohn)	3-3-5	5-1
6	Caviart Sargent	(PLachance)	5-5-3	20-1
7	Lotto Max	(VGinsburg)	6-1-5	20-1
8	Manferno	(BHolland)	8-3-5	8-1

NINTH: Mile pace; $15,000; claiming

1	Shine A Light	(BHolland)	2-2-1	6-5
2	Delightful Terror	(JMarohn)	6-2-2	9-2
3	Full Support	(VGinsburg)	3-4-4	12-1
4	Bettorbuckleup	(CKelly)	2-8-7	6-1
5	BlockbusterTrade	(PLchnce)	1-7-2	4-1
6	Divine Cosmo	(DDube)	3-4-1	20-1
7	It's MahomesA	(ASiegelman)	4-7-5	20-1
8	SquadronSeelster	(MKakley)	2-7-7	20-1

MLS

EAST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	12	2	4	40	35	14
Inter Miami CF	11	2	5	38	45	32
New England	9	5	3	30	28	21
Chicago	9	6	2	29	32	23
NYCFC	7	6	5	26	31	24
Cincinnati	7	6	5	26	45	44
Charlotte FC	7	7	4	25	29	27
Red Bulls	7	7	4	25	29	39
D.C. United	5	5	8	23	26	29
Orlando City	6	10	2	20	30	47
Columbus	5	8	5	20	26	28
Toronto FC	3	7	8	17	24	32
Philadelphia	4	10	4	16	25	33
CF Montréal	4	10	4	16	24	35
Atlanta	3	12	3	12	19	33

WEST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	10	3	4	34	38	17
Los Angeles FC	10	5	4	34	35	19
San Jose	10	5	3	33	37	24
Houston	9	6	2	29	25	24
Real Salt Lake	8	6	3	27	29	25
FC Dallas	7	5	6	27	32	25
St Louis City	7	6	5	26	24	24
Portland	7	8	3	24	33	33
Seattle FC	7	7	3	24	20	22
Minn. United	6	6	6	24	20	25
Colorado	7	10	1	22	27	25
LA Galaxy	5	7	7	22	24	29
San Diego FC	5	7	6	21	32	29
Austin FC	4	9	5	17	22	36
Sporting K.C.	4	12	2	14	18	46

Note: 3 pts. for win, 1 for tie

Saturday
Houston at New England, 4:30pm

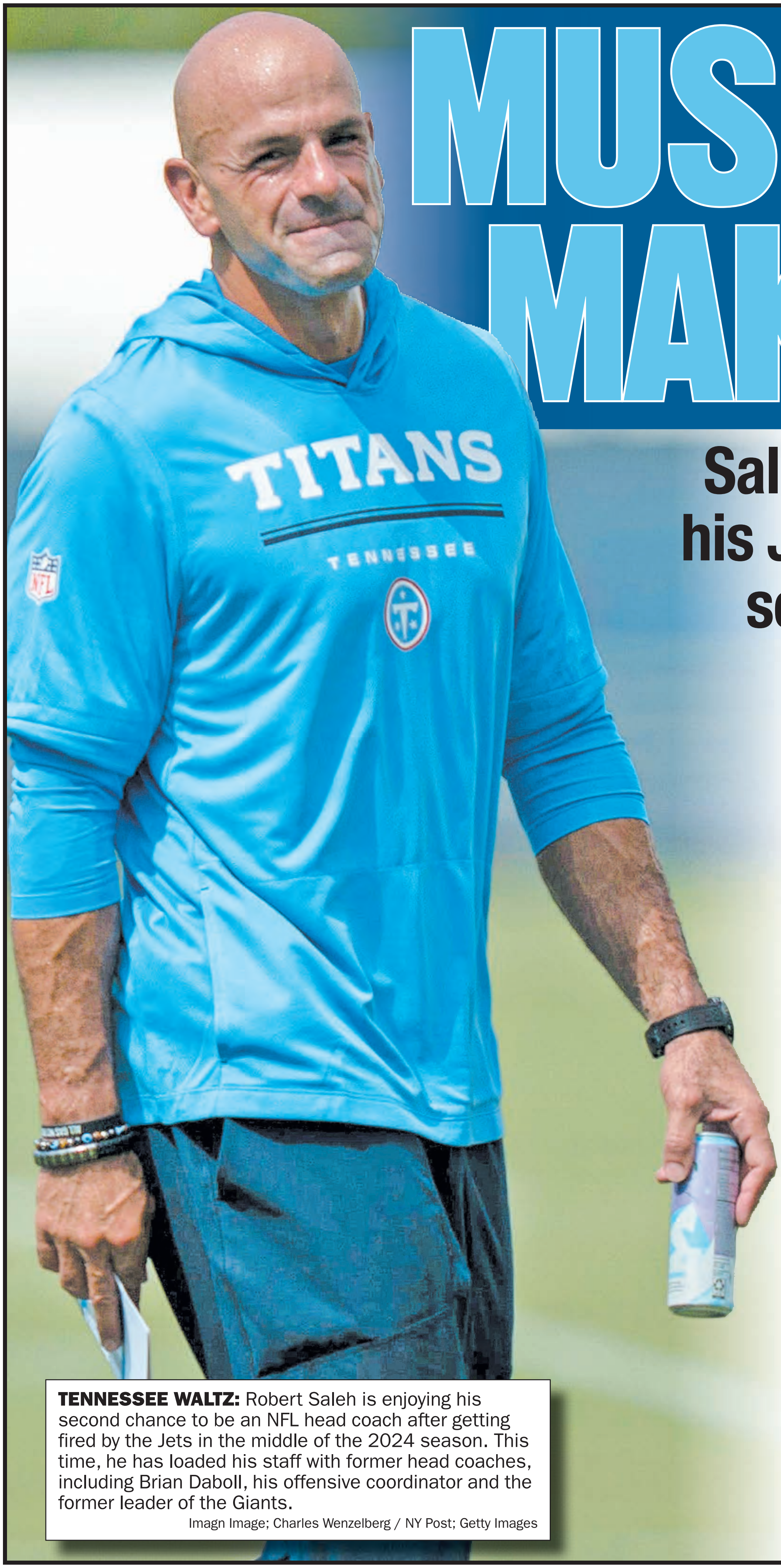
Saturday, August 15
Red Bulls at Atlanta, 7:30pm
Columbus at Charlotte FC, 7:30pm
D.C. United at CF Montréal, 7:30pm
Cincinnati at Orlando City, 7:30pm
New England at Toronto FC, 7:30pm
LA Galaxy at Houston, 8:30pm
Miami at Nashville, 8:30pm
Sporting K.C. at Colorado, 9:30pm
Minnesota at Salt Lake, 9:30pm
San Diego FC at Los Angeles FC, 10:30pm
St Louis City at San Jose, 10:30pm

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Gotham FC	**11**	**3**	**4**	**37**	**23**	**12**
Washington	11	4	3	36	26	13
Utah Royals FC	10	5	3	33	31	19
San Diego	10	6	2	32	24	19
Kansas City	9	7	2	29	29	25
Portland	8	6	4	28	28	25
North Carolina	7	6	3	24	26	23
Angel City	7	7	2	23	24	17
Seattle	7	7	2	23	20	21
Orlando	7	9	2	23	22	26
Denver Summit FC	5	6	5	20	22	21
Boston Legacy FC	5	8	5	20	19	24
Houston	5	8	4	19	19	25
Bay FC	5	9	3	18	18	24
Louisville	4	11	2	14	21	34
Chicago	4	13	0	12	9	33

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Wednesday
North Carolina at Denver Summit FC, 10pm
Friday
Louisville at Orlando, 7pm
San Diego at **Gotham FC**, 8pm
Saturday
Utah Royals FC at Denver Summit FC, 4pm
North Carolina at Washington, 6:30pm
Kansas City at Houston, 8:45pm
Sunday
Portland at Boston Legacy FC, 4pm
Bay FC at Chicago, 7pm
Angel City at Seattle, 9pm
Friday, August 14
Kansas City at **Gotham FC**, 8pm
Denver Summit FC at San Diego, 10pm
Chicago at Seattle, 10pm
Bay FC at Utah Royals FC, 10pm



TENNESSEE WALTZ: Robert Saleh is enjoying his second chance to be an NFL head coach after getting fired by the Jets in the middle of the 2024 season. This time, he has loaded his staff with former head coaches, including Brian Daboll, his offensive coordinator and the former leader of the Giants.

Imagn Image; Charles Wenzelberg / NY Post; Getty Images

MUSIC CITY MAKEOVER

Saleh a changed coach from his Jets days as he embraces second chance with Titans

By BRIAN COSTELLO

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Robert Saleh sits on a big, blue couch in his office and smiles. He knows the buildup to his Week 1 debut as Titans coach is going to be about him facing the Jets, his former team, the team that fired him five games into his fourth season in 2024.

But Saleh swears that having the team in green and white on the other sideline Sept. 13 won't make him see red.

"I don't hold grudges," Saleh told The Post during a sit-down interview Tuesday. "I'm really grateful for the opportunity I had. I have no ill will toward the Jets."

Saleh points out that most of the people on the football side of things with the Jets are different than when he left in October 2024. But there is one prominent person who's still there — owner Woody Johnson. He's the one who walked into Saleh's office two days after a loss to the Vikings in London and fired him.

"I'm not playing him," Saleh said. "He's not out on the field.

"I think what it'll mean for him is that his team wins Week 1. I don't think he cares about whether or not ... his focus is not to beat Robert Saleh."

On this humid August morning, Saleh's focus was not on the Jets. That game is still five weeks away. His Titans were about to hold their second padded practice of training camp. On one TV screen in Saleh's office, the film of their practice the day before was playing. On another screen, that day's schedule was laid out.

Saleh is embracing his second shot at being a head coach. After going 20-36 over three-plus seasons with the Jets, Saleh was hired by Tennessee to turn around their franchise. At 47, Saleh knows that most coaches don't get a third shot at the job.

"Grateful would be the word," Saleh said of this shot. "It's funny going back through it the second time. There's just so many things that I can recall from my previous time and just making adjustments along the way."

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SALEH spent time with Green Bay after the Jets fired him in 2024. Then, he returned to San Francisco last year to be Kyle Shanahan's defensive coordinator. Along the way, Saleh thought about what he would do differently if given another chance.

Some changes are obvious. Saleh is calling the defense here, which he did not do with the Jets. Other changes are more subtle, but you can sense a more confident coach than the one who was hired in 2021 by the Jets.

"It's not as overwhelming, not even close to overwhelming," Saleh said. "When you first get there, there's so many things that you didn't prepare for. You get to the head coach chair because of your football acumen and now all of a sudden you're an administrator, you're HR, you're a counselor, you're everything. Being able to sit in this chair now, having gone through it, having reflected and gone back to San Francisco and just to see how Kyle operates, there's more ... I don't want to call it hard lines, but there's quicker decisions being made because of recall, if that makes sense."

Though there are changes, there are also familiar signs from Saleh's tenure in New York. There is a giant banner hanging on a fence at the Titans training center with the familiar "All Gas, No Brake" mantra that Saleh had with him at the Jets ,too. The way the Titans practiced Tuesday had some of the same elements of what Saleh did in training camp with the Jets.

John Franklin-Myers signed a three-

year, $63 million contract with the Titans in March. Franklin-Myers was with Saleh in New York from 2021-23. He said he was eager to reunite with Saleh when he became a free agent. He said he sees a different Saleh "to a certain extent." But he said he did not think Saleh needed to change much, because the results with the Jets were not a sign that what Saleh was doing didn't work.

"I can't say that what we were doing was a bad thing," Franklin-Myers said. "I would say the result wasn't there. You can blame it on a number of things. But he's learned from it."

One thing that is different this time for Saleh is that he has surrounded himself with players who know his system. Franklin-Myers, Jermaine Johnson, Solomon Thomas, Tony Adams and Jacob Martin all played for Saleh with the Jets and are now here.

"They understand the standard at which we operate," Saleh said. "They understand the messaging. I think that's always critical. That was something we learned at the Jets my first year. I deliberately stayed away from guys that I knew because I didn't want to be Niners East."

It was former Jets coach Rex Ryan who told Saleh that he should bring in players that already know his system. Saleh listened.

Saleh also hired some veteran coaches to support him. All of his coordinators have been head coaches. Brian Daboll is running Saleh's offense after four years in charge of the Giants. Saleh brought in Gus Bradley, the former Jaguars coach, to help him run the defense. Saleh coached under Bradley when he was the Jaguars head coach. John Fassel is the special teams coordinator. Fassel was the interim coach of the Rams in 2016. Saleh is surrounded by experienced coaches, which was not always the case in New York.

The experience on the coaching staff will help because Saleh has an inexperienced team. The Titans are counting on a jump from quarterback Cam Ward in his second year.

"We're young," Saleh said. "I don't know if this stat's right, but I think we're up there with regards to the amount of players who have been in the league for three years or less. But we're excited about all the different balls of clay we get to mold.

"All across the roster, whether it's offense or defense, we've got a lot of really cool youth that's mixed in with some veterans who aren't old yet. Jeffery Simmons has been around a while, but he's still only 28, right? So he's got a lot of years left, and so we've got a good little mixture. And, we're just excited to see how these young guys develop."

On Tuesday, Saleh showed a disciplinarian side that some Jets fans might argue he did not show enough with the Jets. He threw Simmons, the All-Pro defensive tackle out of practice after Simmons threw a punch.

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FOR SALEH, his second chance is likely going to come down to what he and Daboll can get out of Ward. Saleh never got good quarterback play in New York. With Zach Wilson falling flat then Aaron Rodgers going down four plays into the season, it seemed like Saleh was cursed at the most important position.

Nearly two years removed from his run with Gang Green, Saleh speaks fondly of his days in Florham Park and said he remains close with many of the people who work for the organization.

"It was an amazing learning experience," Saleh said. "Those are connections that I feel like we've made and that I'll have forever and there's no price tag for learning. I was one of 32 in the biggest market in the world, right? I'm grateful for that. There's two types of coaches. There's those who have been fired and those who are going to get fired. Bill Belichick is one of the greatest coaches of all time and his time came to an end. It just happens. It's part of our profession. But I look back, we did the best we could. We learned a lot. I mean it. I'm more grateful for the opportunity than I am hateful."

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TE Sadiq out for 'a little bit'

By ZACH BRAZILLER

Two key Jets rookies are now out.

Tight end Kenyon Sadiq has joined cornerback D'Angelo Ponds (calf) on the sideline.

After being given a "maintenance" day Monday, Sadiq remained out Tuesday, and coach Aaron Glenn revealed the tight end suffered a setback related to his May hernia operation.

The coach was evasive when it came to how long he expected Sadiq to be out but did say he was confident he would be ready for the start of the regular season. Sadiq took part in the first three practices of training camp.

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"From [Monday], he had a little setback as we watched his exams, so he'll be out a little bit," Glenn said. "I can't tell you exactly how long right now, but I will let you know that at some point. Just expect him to be out for a little bit. But he's working his way back.

"Listen, I'm not really worried, but the thing is I want to make sure that I make the right decision on making sure I take care of him so he can be ready for the regular season."

Asked about his confidence level that Sadiq will be ready for the opener against the Titans on Sept. 13, Glenn said, "Very confident."

Sadiq, the second (16th overall) of the Jets' three first-round picks, caught 51 passes for 560 yards and eight touchdowns a year ago at Oregon. The Jets hope to use him in a variety of roles as a passing threat.

They have plenty of depth at tight end, with Mason Taylor, Jeremy Ruckert and Jelani Woods all capable. But the 6-foot-3, 241-pound Sadiq offers a different dimension because of his rare speed and athleticism.

Ponds, a second-round pick out of Indiana, isn't expected to return to practice this week, although Glenn has said he doesn't expect the defensive back to miss much more time.

➤ WR **Adonai Mitchell** raved about rookie wideout **Omar Cooper Jr.**, calling him a "ballplayer."

"He's also a great rookie, man. He's brought in good snacks. That's what you love to see," Mitchell joked. "He's a ballplayer, he's very detailed, he's always in the books, and he's always looking for an opportunity to grow."

The snacks included boxes of honey buns and chips.

THUNDER ROAD

Bruising Allen, back from knee injury, hoping to team up with Breece lightning

By ZACH BRAZILLER

Preparation for this season didn't start in the spring for Braelon Allen. It didn't begin when he arrived for training camp.

"My approach started in October once I got off that operation table and got to work on the rehab," the young Jets running back said Tuesday. "I knew exactly what I needed to do."

Allen didn't sugarcoat the significance of the upcoming season. It's incredibly important, after appearing in just four games last year due to a major knee injury.

The former fourth-round pick showed flashes as a rookie, running for 334 yards and scoring three touchdowns in 2024. But then, while returning a kickoff in a Sept. 29 game against the Dolphins, he sprained the medial collateral ligament in his left knee and missed the final 13 games.

"This is huge. Obviously with last year being cut short for me, right when I felt like I was getting into a groove and getting my feet under me, it definitely sucked," the 6-foot-1, 245-pound bruiser said. "This year I don't want to think too much about personal goals or anything like that, but just trying to establish myself and earn respect from my teammates and around the league. Prove myself as a workhorse back."

It was a difficult 2025 for Allen. There was excitement about what he could be alongside Breece Hall. In training camp last August, coach Aaron Glenn felt the two had the potential to be for the Jets what the Lions had with Jahmyr Gibbs and David Montgomery. Hall would be the speedster and Allen the physical downhill runner, a 1-2 punch that could wreak havoc on opposing defenses.

But Allen suffered that knee injury, the most severe injury of his career. He had never been away from the sport for that long. It was challenging, spending so much time off to the side rehabbing without his teammates. It was a helpless feeling, watching the losses pile up and not being able to help.

Now he's back — and excited to start hitting people. Monday he put on pads for the first time since the injury.

"That's kind of where my game comes to life," Allen said with a smile. "Being a bigger back, a physical back, it's like riding a bike essentially. It's downhill and go, that's what my coach preaches to me. I was excited to be able to do that again."

There is again optimism the Hall-Allen combo could be dynamic, especially behind an offensive line that returns four starters and features promising young tackles Olu Fashanu and Armand Membou.

"Those dudes are dogs. They're violent, they're physical, they're smart, they get the job done play in and play out," he said. "I'm definitely excited to get a full year behind those guys."

Clearly, Allen is eager to get going for real Sept. 13 against the Titans. When the ball is kicked off that day, it will have been almost a calendar year since his knee injury.

"I know exactly what this year has to look like for me," he said. "It's been a process, it's been ongoing for 11 months now. I'm ready to go."

The Jets running game was solid a year ago, tied for 10th in the NFL in yards per game at 123.3. A healthy Allen could improve that attack, especially if the aforementioned offensive line continues to develop. It should also improve with a more capable quarterback under center in veteran Geno Smith, who keeps defenses honest.

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JETS TRAINING DAY

BLOCK AND ROLL

It's easy to see why the Jets are so high on young right tackle **Armand Membou.** He had a strong practice, but one play stood out. During one-on-one drills, rookie edge rusher **David Bailey** tried to overpower him after an initial speed rush — and Membou stonewalled him.

OH, NO, GENO

For a second straight day, **Geno Smith** threw an interception. He tried to force a pass to TE **Mason Taylor** through traffic. It was deflected and picked off by CB **Brandon Stephens.** Smith finished practice well after a slow start.

CAUGHT MY EYE

Return specialist **Isaiah Williams** had an active day at receiver. The highlight was a diving grab of a deep Smith pass. Smith sprinted down the field and pumped his fist after the play.

INJURY REPORT

TE **Kenyon Sadiq** suffered a setback and will miss time as he works his way back from a May hernia operation. Coach **Aaron Glenn** is optimistic he will return in time for the start of the regular season. ... DE **Kingsley Enagbare** didn't practice. Glenn called it precautionary after he was stepped on Monday.

— Zach Braziller

ZERO-ING IN: Braelon Allen, who played just four games last year before a season-ending injury, is looking to build on his promising 2024 rookie season.

Bill Kostroun (2)

CATCH THE WAVE: Adonai Mitchell has worked with six quarterbacks in his two NFL seasons — including three last year in eight games with the Jets. He's looking forward to working with his seventh in Geno Smith. Bill Kostroun

Mitchell hopes for some QB stability

By COLLIN WARD

Despite playing just eight games with the Jets in 2025, wide receiver Adonai Mitchell is set to work with his fourth starting quarterback in green and white when he suits up with Geno Smith this fall.

In fact, Mitchell hasn't had consistent chemistry with a signal-caller since college, playing with three different quarterbacks during his 1 ½ seasons with the Colts as well.

Though the revolving door at quarterback might discourage others, Mitchell said he "loves" the challenge and is embracing what he has in Smith.

In the offseason, Mitchell — who had 24 catches for 301 yards and two touchdowns with the Jets after a midseason trade last year — and second-year tight end Mason Taylor spent about a week in Florida training with the 13-year veteran quarterback.

The wide receiver said after a few days of playing together in grueling heat, he started "understanding [Smith's] mind, understanding the way he thinks, understanding the way he sees the game."

Mitchell also said he felt Smith learned a lot about him.

"Anytime you can get on the same page with the quarterback it will always be great," Mitchell said at training camp Tuesday.

Now on the same page, both Mitchell and Smith will also have to build chemistry with new offensive coordinator Frank Reich.

The 23-year-old wide receiver said he heard from a lot of former Colts teammates who had played for Reich in Indianapolis during his run as head coach from 2018-22, when Reich was hired by the Jets.

"The first thing [Michael Pittman Jr.] told me was 'You're gonna like him,' " Mitchell said. "He's a great coach, knows what he's doing and has a great plan."

Mitchell agrees with Pittman and has appreciated Reich's philosophies. He said he "loves everything about him," but especially that Reich lets him have freedom on routes.

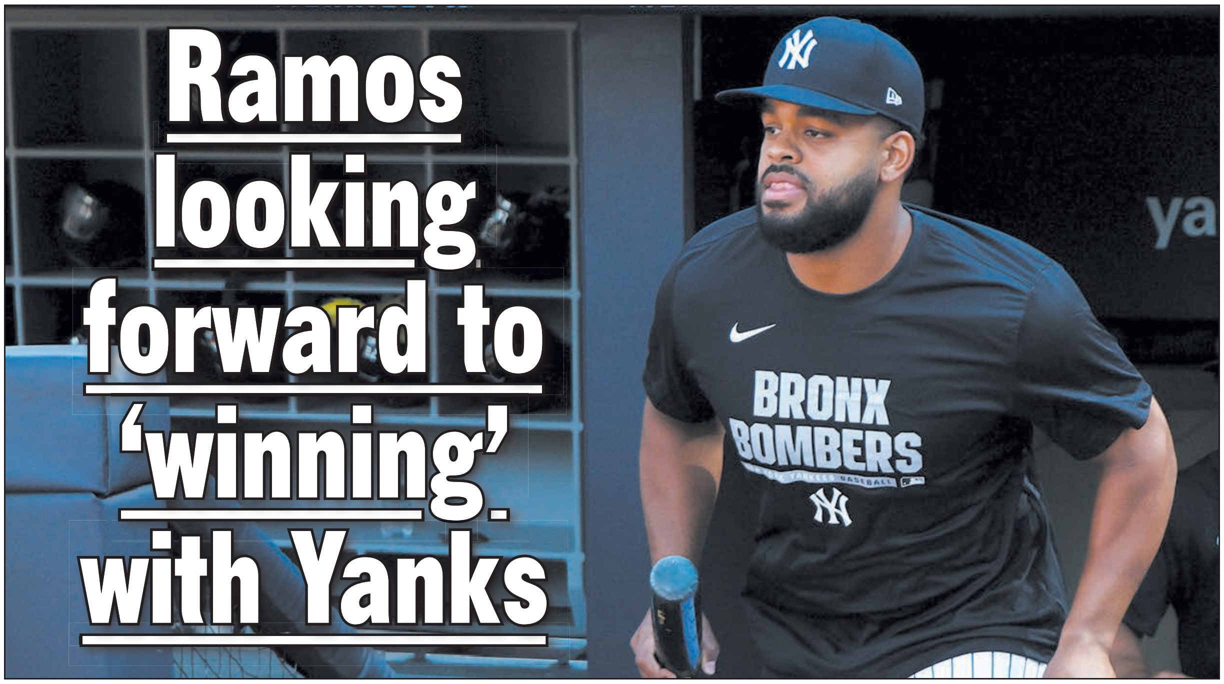
Running back Breece Hall said something similar about Reich at the start of training camp, explaining that he "lets players play off reactions, make the plays their own, make the offense their own."

If a free-flowing, instinctual offense comes to fruition this fall, Reich will have plenty of playmakers on the outside, including Mitchell.

Three-time 1,000-yard receiver Garrett Wilson is back from a right knee injury that kept him out of the second half of last season, rookie Omar Cooper Jr. is fresh off a national championship at Indiana, and players like Tim Patrick and Isaiah Williams provide depth.

The surrounding talent and a strong relationship with Smith could be what Mitchell needs to finally settle into the NFL two years after going No. 52 in the 2024 draft.

Ramos looking forward to 'winning' with Yanks



WELCOME TO NEW YORK: Heliot Ramos, a 26-year-old outfielder, has never appeared in a playoff game. After being traded from the Giants, he is hoping that changes with the Yankees this fall. Jason Szenez

By ANDREW CRANE

When Heliot Ramos found out about his trade to the Yankees on Monday, he started shaking. When he told his mother, Norma, about getting dealt by the Giants, who'd drafted him and been the only team he'd ever played for, she got scared, too — not understanding how the business side worked, Ramos said.

But then Ramos told her to "calm down," he said Tuesday. "I'm gonna be with the Yankees. I'm gonna be fine."

Ramos recalled someone telling him that the Yankees picked him, a 2024 All-Star, for a reason. The 26-year-old outfielder, who went 0-for-4 from the four home and played left field in his first game, oozed with excitement about playing for the team he grew up watching in Puerto Rico. Ramos arrived with nine homers and a .728 OPS on his ledger for the season and will — as someone who has never appeared in a postseason game — step into a chance to contribute down the stretch of the regular season.

"I'm looking forward just to win," Ramos said, while also saying earlier that he felt good in pinstripes. "This is an organization that, right now, is on a good run. I just want to contribute. I'm looking forward to winning and playing in October, for sure."

Ramos' role could look different in the weeks and months to come. The Yankees remain without Aaron Judge and Cody Bellinger in the outfield, creating a daily opportunity for Ramos until reinforcements arrive. But then he could settle into a platoon for manager Aaron Boone, who said that he might experiment with Ramos in right field, too.

There's a risk attached to Ramos. His defense, which he described Tuesday as decent, can be spotty. His numbers against right-handed pitchers (.256 batting average, .696 OPS) sit well below his numbers against lefties (.292, .835), but he said he can bring power to the lineup. He adjusted to the tough hitting conditions at Oracle Park and used it as a challenge, telling himself that if he could hit there, those results could apply at other ballparks.

He has recognized the magnitude of the situation with the Yankees, too. The franchise's standards, Ramos said, are "super high." But Ramos' belief hasn't wavered. He grew up watching Jorge Posada and Derek Jeter's 3,000th hit, grew up hearing stories about Bernie Williams from his dad, grew up feeling that his profile as a player fit the model of Andrew McCutchen.

And now, over the final two months of the season and anything that follows in the playoffs, he'll have a chance to carve out a role of his own.

"I feel like every day I'm gonna go out there and I'm gonna get four hits," Ramos said. "Obviously it's not that because it's not like that every day. ... At the end of the day, I'm a pretty confident guy. I'm gonna bring a lot to the table, I think, just with the type of mindset that I have, with the type of game, like, that I have."

Bombers pen rebounds in big way

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

YANKEES NOTES

Every game after a trade deadline in which the Yankees did not add to their bullpen (and in fact subtracted) can feel like a referendum on Brian Cashman's Aug. 3 decision-making.

After Monday's loss, when Angel Chivilli imploded, Cashman could have been torched.

A night later, Cashman could have felt justified.

Fernando Cruz, Brent Headrick and David Bednar were excellent in combining for three scoreless innings in relief of Ryan Weathers to preserve a 2-0 victory over the Cardinals.

Headrick and Bednar did well to escape inherited danger. In the seventh, Headrick entered and induced a ground out from Nathan Church to strand a runner on third, before he passed a jam on to Bednar in the eighth, who struck out Nelson Velázquez on three pitches with the bases loaded before completing the club's 12th shutout of the year.

"He's been great," manager Aaron Boone said of Bednar, who pitched a clean ninth and has not allowed a run in 24 of his past 25 appearances. "It's been a couple months now where it's been really lockdown by him."

➤ Their trade deadline inaction will place additional pressure on the bullpen and its expected additions.

One of those possible additions, **Clarke Schmidt**, was expected to see a doctor Tuesday night after a shortened live batting practice earlier in the day, though the Yankees were not expressing much concern.

Schmidt, building up from 2025 Tommy John surgery and facing hitters again in what might have been a final step before a rehab assignment, felt some cramping in his forearm, which cut short his afternoon.

Expected to throw three "innings," Schmidt settled for two.

"Hopefully it's not much, but enough for him to say, 'Let's not do the third up,'" Boone said. "We'll see what that looks like today and tomorrow."

Along with Schmidt, **Will Warren** and/or Weathers could become bullpen additions. One of the latter two would be transitioned if the Yankees' rotation is at full health.

That dream is growing closer to becoming reality, **Carlos Rodón** coming through his own live BP on Monday well.

MOST LIKELY

Ravens import can be breakout weapon Jaxson needs at tight end

Steve Serby

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. — Jaxson Dart raced alone around left end for a touchdown and, to the dismay of John Harbaugh, threw the ball at the helmet of Greg Newsome II, drawing a 15-yard taunting penalty. Isaiah Likely quickly got between Dart and Newsome.

"That's the type of dawg you want at quarterback," Likely said. "And obviously, Newsome, I've been playing [against] him for quite a while. I know he's a dawg himself, so he's not going to back down on nobody."

Of course, Harbaugh didn't bring Likely with him from Baltimore to be a peacemaker. He brought him to the Giants to be Jaxson Dart's 6-foot-4, 245-pound quarterback-friendly weapon at tight end.

"I can line up outside, in the slot, inline, in the backfield, I've done it all," Likely said. "I've called myself a chess piece before in the past, and I feel like I've lived up to the name."

Likely played four seasons as a Raven and won't soon forget his early introduction to Harbaugh's motivational style ... during a walk-through.

"My rookie year, I was having a great camp, and he saw a smile on my face every day," Likely said. "And then just one day I was goofing around, and he just walked over to me and punched the ball out. And he just told me to take a lap. That's just him keeping me honest and him just saying, 'If you're going to hold a football, you're going to hold a football right.' That's just him being the coach."

Likely has held the football high and tight ever since.

"Or if I don't feel like it because I'm tired, I just won't hold a football," he said.

Likely signed a three-year, $40 million deal to continue playing for Harbaugh.

"Obviously, the more you get to know Harbaugh, the more you know that the tough love is always more so love," he said. "But it's really just really emphasizing the little things. Obviously, when you have a good day, he'll praise you, and when you have a bad play, bad day — whatever it is — he'll obviously get on you about that, too, because he wants you to have more good days than bad days. That's just keeping the team honest, and that's from a starter to an undrafted player."

Harbaugh is a magnet for players who want to be the best version of themselves and win.

"He motivates you to get your best day in and day out, and that shows up practice in, practice out," Likely said. "Whether you're tired, whether you're energized, whether you're down 14 or up 21, you're gonna get the same Harbaugh."

Likely is just 26 and no longer has to play second fiddle to Mark Andrews.

"I feel like being the star-caliber tight end that I see myself being, going out there every day and showing everybody that when the Giants got me, they picked the right choice," Likely said.

Likely caught a red zone TD from Dart on Tuesday and is a good bet to exceed his career-best 42-477 with six TDs in 2024.

"He's pretty shifty," Harbaugh said. "He runs good routes. He can get in and out on those option routes and things like that."

CB Paulson Adebo understands why Likely is the quarterback-friendly weapon.

"He's just a great big target, he's also fluid, he's quicker than you think," Adebo said, "so he gives the safeties kind of a matchup as far as safeties being a little too small for him and then linebackers not quick enough for him."

Likely is one of those new-age TEs who can be difference-makers.

"I watch a lot of film on a lot of guys," he said. "Talk to Travis Kelce a lot, watch a lot of Antonio Gates film, a lot of Jordan Reed releases."

It was Likely's turn to deliver what they call "Wise Word" after practice.

"I mean, when you're out there in between the white lines, I expect you to win your one-on-ones," he said. "And that's what I told the group today. I mean, everything's about winning your one-eleventh when you're out there. So, if you're in between those white lines, whether you're a 36-year-old vet or a 21-year-old rookie, I expect you, when you're out there, you're part of the best of the best in the world. So, you got to get out there and you got a job to do."

I said to Likely: You can be a nightmare for defenders.

"Absolutely," he said, and smiled. "That's what I'm trying to be."

And a dream for Jaxson Dart.

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TRAINING DAY

BECK' GETS CALL

Odell Beckham Jr. saw a major uptick in first-team reps. John Harbaugh called it part of the day-to-day rotation, but a conspiracy theorist might suggest the staff wants a better evaluation of Beckham, who has been creating separation without drawing targets with the second-team offense. He had what might have been a touchdown, but it was bang-bang out of bounds.

LOWER THE FLAGS

The Giants halved their staggering number of penalties from the day before, but seven is still too many. Four were false starts. And QB **Jaxson Dart** drew an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty after a touchdown run.

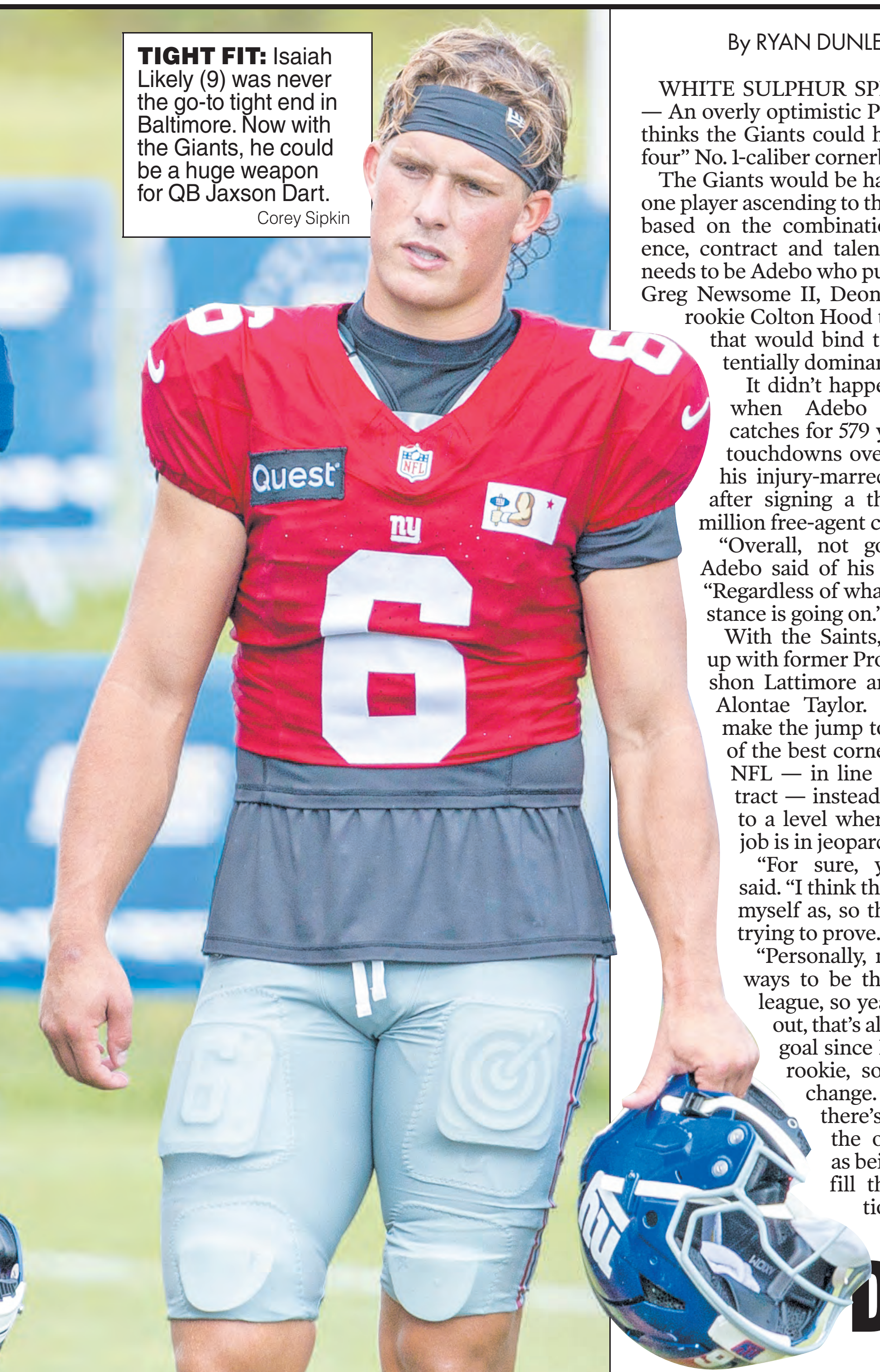
CAUGHT MY EYE

The Giants ran their most one-on-ones of camp, including the first pitting receivers against cornerbacks. WR **Dalen Cambre**, a camp star, shook rookie CB **Colton Hood** in coverage, and **Art Green** recorded a diving, one-handed pass breakup. The rest of the team completed 9-on-7 run-game work.

INJURY REPORT

WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** (knee swelling) did not practice. WR **Malachi Fields** was held out of 11-on-11 drills. CB **Jarrick Bernard-Converse** did not practice for the second straight day.

— Ryan Dunleavy



TIGHT FIT: Isaiah Likely (9) was never the go-to tight end in Baltimore. Now with the Giants, he could be a huge weapon for QB Jaxson Dart.

Corey Sipkin

Adebo has some ground to cover to be No. 1 CB

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. — An overly optimistic Paulson Adebo thinks the Giants could have "three or four" No. 1-caliber cornerbacks.

The Giants would be happy with just one player ascending to that throne, and based on the combination of experience, contract and talent, it probably needs to be Adebo who pulls away from Greg Newsome II, Deonte Banks and rookie Colton Hood to fill the hole that would bind together a potentially dominant defense.

It didn't happen last season when Adebo allowed 48 catches for 579 yards and two touchdowns over 12 games in his injury-marred first season after signing a three-year, $54 million free-agent contract.

"Overall, not good enough," Adebo said of his performance. "Regardless of whatever circumstance is going on."

With the Saints, Adebo lined up with former Pro Bowler Marshon Lattimore and rising star Alontae Taylor. Can he now make the jump to become one of the best cornerbacks in the NFL — in line with his contract — instead of regressing to a level where his starting job is in jeopardy?

"For sure, yeah," Adebo said. "I think that's what I see myself as, so that's what I'm trying to prove.

"Personally, my goal is always to be the best in the league, so year in and year out, that's always been my goal since I came in as a rookie, so that doesn't change. But definitely there's more from the outside as far as being able to fulfill those expectations."

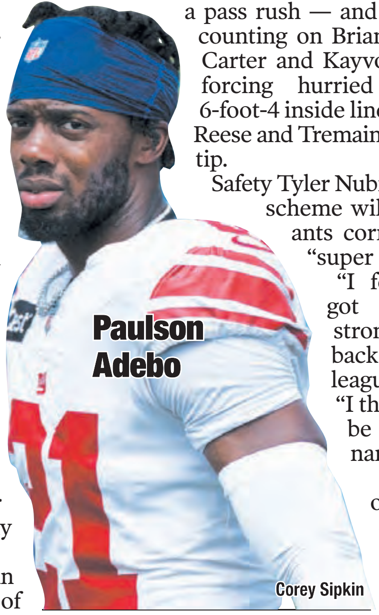
Adebo, 27, had his second interception of training camp during Tuesday's practice to continue riding the highs and lows that also include him surrendering a few chunk gains. The takeaway was an encouraging sign for the Giants, who are banking on a return to the production — 10 interceptions in 52 career games with the Saints — that convinced general manager Joe Schoen that Adebo was worthy of No. 1 cornerback billing.

New Giants defensive coordinator Dennard Wilson is a blitz doctor but still called an above-league-average 78.2 percent zone coverage last season with the Titans. In theory, an attacking zone should be a better fit for the cerebral Adebo than last season's role of one-on-one in man-to-man off-coverage against elite receivers.

"It's a lot similar to what I did in New Orleans," Adebo said. "A lot of press man on the outside, letting the corners be able to get up and challenge the receivers. So, I think that plays to our strengths — every one of our corners. I mean, it's definitely something that I love to do."

Adebo was the only veteran starter to skip the beginning of voluntary OTAs, which prompted the football-obsessed Harbaugh to say he "was interested to hear" the reason. Addressing media for the first time since then, Adebo said he was dealing with some "personal stuff" back then and there "wasn't too much to that."

"If that's what I'm going through," Adebo said, "I can't really help it."



Paulson Adebo

Corey Sipkin

Scheme can help cornerbacks. So can a pass rush — and the Giants are counting on Brian Burns, Abdul Carter and Kayvon Thibodeaux forcing hurried throws that 6-foot-4 inside linebackers Arvell Reese and Tremaine Edmunds can tip.

Safety Tyler Nubin said Wilson's scheme will allow the Giants cornerbacks to be "super aggressive."

"I feel like we've got one of the strongest cornerback rooms in the league," Adebo said. "I think it's going to be a really dominant defense."

Only if at least one lockdown cornerback emerges.

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Dart gets dinged for TD act

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. — Jaxson Dart finished his rushing touchdown with a toss ... right at cornerback Greg Newsome II's face mask.

What did head coach John Harbaugh think of that display on what was a simulated game-tying touchdown run from the Giants quarterback?

"I think it's a 15-yard penalty for taunting," Harbaugh said, "so we backed up the extra point."

Ben Sauls made the PAT before the penalty was called on delay — at Harbaugh's urging to the group of local high school officials — then Sauls came back out and made the 48-yard PAT.

GIANTS NOTES

The Giants encourage Dart to be feisty. But there is a line he cannot cross, and Harbaugh singling out the quarterback is a subliminal message to others not to do the same.

"I think he understands that for the game-winning extra point, we don't want it to be a 50-yard extra point. Do you think I need to say anything [to Dart] in that case?" Harbaugh asked rhetorically. "It's pretty clear-cut."

It's not clear what Newsome might have said that set off Dart, but it's clear the defense didn't like the quarterback scramble touchdown from the 3-yard line considering that they cannot touch him in those situations.

Russell Wilson used to do that frequently in last year's training camp.

"Just them competing," said tight end Isaiah Likely, who stepped between Dart and Newsome. "I mean, training camp, Day 2 of pads, getting tired, obviously in the red zone [where] points are at stake. That's the type of dawg you want in a quarterback. And obviously, Newsome ... he's not going to back down on nobody."

The Giants haven't had any trash talk escalate to a fight during training camp.

"My policy on fighting is that the play clock keeps going," Harbaugh said. "So, you can fight all you want, but you're going to be back on the line running the next play within 40 seconds."

➤ S **Tyler Nubin** said he is playing "about 8 pounds" lighter than last year, in line with his rookie weight of around 205. "I just wanted more for speed," Nubin said. "I think I'm moving well."

➤ The Giants are adding CB **DJ James**, who was among players they worked out Tuesday. Others included: OG **Darrian Dalcourt**, C **Wesley French**, G **Brenden Jaimes**, DB **David Long**, G **Max Scharping**, DB **Dee Williams** and DB **JT Woods**. Long and Williams previously were with the Giants in 2024.

DREAMS COME

Westchester native Stafura now in organization he rooted for as a kid

By MIKE PUMA

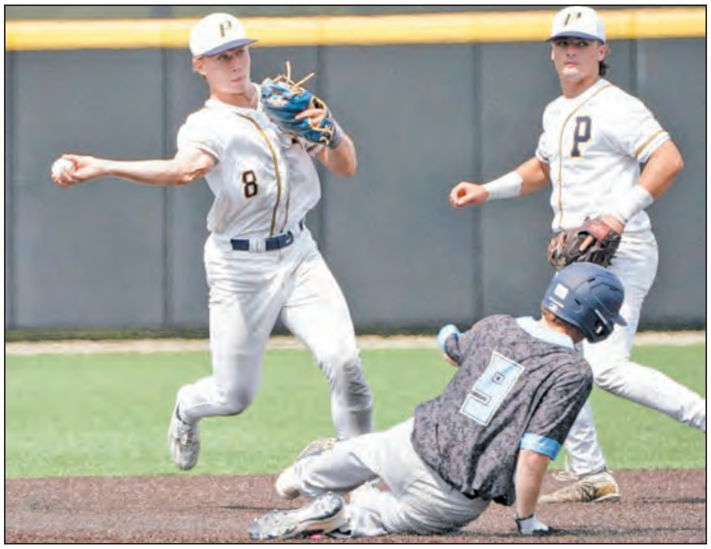
CLEVELAND — Spring practice or games at Walter Panas High in Cortlandt Manor, N.Y., sometimes intersected with the Mets season opener, leaving Sammy Stafura's attention divided.

"He would get all excited for the Mets and we would be in the dugout with our phones following who is doing what," Stafura's high school coach, Anthony Fata, said Monday. "There were more Yankees fans than Mets fans on the team, but Sammy stood tall as a Mets fan and we really had fun with it."

That Mets fan now belongs to the organization, following a trade Monday for the shortstop prospect. The Mets sent Luke Weaver to Pittsburgh for the 21-year-old Stafura, who was rated as the No. 9 Pirates prospect. The Mets are sending about $6.5 million to the Pirates to cover part of Weaver's contract, which runs through next season.

Stafura was the second-highest-rated prospect of the 11 the Mets received in trades over five days leading into Monday's deadline. The highest-rated of the group is infielder Jefferson Rojas, who was the No. 2 Cubs prospect.

As a senior at the Westchester County high school, Stafura led Walter Panas to a 19-1 regular season. The team won a sectional title and advanced to the state finals.



"His sophomore, junior and senior years were the best years that this program ever had," Fata said. "We fell a little short in his final game and I remember at the end of the game when everybody was upset and hugging each other and crying and saying, 'You have got a lot more baseball left.'"

Stafura was set to play at Clemson, but instead signed with the Reds after he was selected in the second round of the 2023 draft. He was traded last year at the deadline to the Pirates for Ke'Bryan Hayes.

Mets president of baseball operations David Stearns on Monday pointed to Stafura's defense as his top attribute. Such talk is hardly surprising to Fata, who watched that tool develop at Walter Panas.

"I don't know how many games he saved us with his glove," Fata said. "We led him off because he was our best hitter and we needed him on base. He stole bases, he did everything for us, he was a sparkplug. He just made the hardest plays look so easy. The coaches would just look at each other in the dugout and just say, 'Wow, you don't see that.' It was really awesome to watch."

But it wasn't just natural talent that propelled Stafura.

"That kid never wanted to come off the field," Fata said. "He was down there before practice and I stayed with him after practice, he would take 100 extra ground balls, and that is who he was, and to see that all happen for him is awesome."

But Stafura's bat has also gained attention this season following a power surge that has included 14 homers over the last month. He entered Tuesday with a .276/.367/.593 slash line with 20 homers in 60 games over two levels at Single-A.

"It's just so crazy how it has worked out," Fata said, referring to Stafura landing with the Mets. "He is just such a great kid and did such an excellent job for our program."

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ON DECK: at Guardians

Wednesday, 6:40 p.m., SNY, WHSQ (880 AM)

RHP Christian Scott

2026 stats:
3-3, 2.99 ERA

Career vs. CLE:
First start

Last start:
July 29, vs. ATL;
6.0 IP, 5 H, 1 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

50%	22%	17%
4-Seamer	Sweeper	Cutter

RHP Tanner Bibee

2026 stats:
4-11, 3.81 ERA

Career vs. NYM:
0-0, 3.00 ERA

Last start:
Fri., vs. ARI;
7.1 IP, 3 H, 2 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

25%	23%	22%
Cutter	Sinker	4-Seamer

UP NEXT

THURSDAY: at Guardians, 1:10 p.m., SNY, WHSQ
RHP Nolan McLean vs. LHP Foster Griffin

FRIDAY: at Pirates, 6:40 p.m., PIX11, WHSQ
LHP Zac Thornton vs. RHP Carmen Mlodzinski

INJURY REPORT

■ **Juan Soto** will be sidelined until September as he rehabs a left calf strain. Soto missed nearly three weeks in April with a right calf strain.

Reliever Yan plans to keep his wild strikeout

By MIKE PUMA

METS NOTES

CLEVELAND — Jefry Yan's celebration is just beginning.

The demonstrative lefty reliever was called up from Triple-A Syracuse on Monday, landing him with the Mets as a 29-year-old rookie ready for his major league debut.

Yan, who celebrated strikeouts in the minor leagues with dances and gyrations on the mound, said he intends to continue those displays with the Mets.

"I am going to continue to go out there the same way," Yan said through an interpreter before the Mets beat the Guardians 6-2 at Progressive Field. "I am going to go out there with the same type of emotion, the same type of fun — have fun like I am playing a kids' game, like I always have."

Yan, who originally signed with the Angels, was out of baseball for five seasons beginning in 2016 before returning with the Marlins, for whom he advanced as far as Triple-A. A stint playing in Japan followed before pitching in the Rockies minor league system last season.

He recalled working as a roofer during his years removed from baseball.

"I used to have a lot of friends there, a lot of Mexicans that I worked with and they always told me, 'Don't give up, you can make it to where you want to be,'" Yan said. "We always had a lot of camaraderie working there working there, but they always pushed me to strive for more."

In 35 appearances this season split between Double-A Binghamton and Triple-A Syracuse he pitched to a 3.24 ERA with 77 strikeouts in $41\frac{2}{3}$ innings.

He is looking forward to his first major league appearance and strikeout.

"I am going to enjoy that first one," he said. "I have worked a long time for that moment."

➤ **Kodai Senga**, who has been utilized in long relief since his removal from the starting rotation, will receive a chance to pitch in one-inning, high-leverage spots, according to interim manager **Andy Green**.

Senga aced his first chance on Tuesday, pitching a scoreless ninth inning against the Guardians.

"I am grateful for the opportunity and to be able to pitch in situations like that," Senga said through an interpreter. "At the same time, I made sure to tell the team that I signed as

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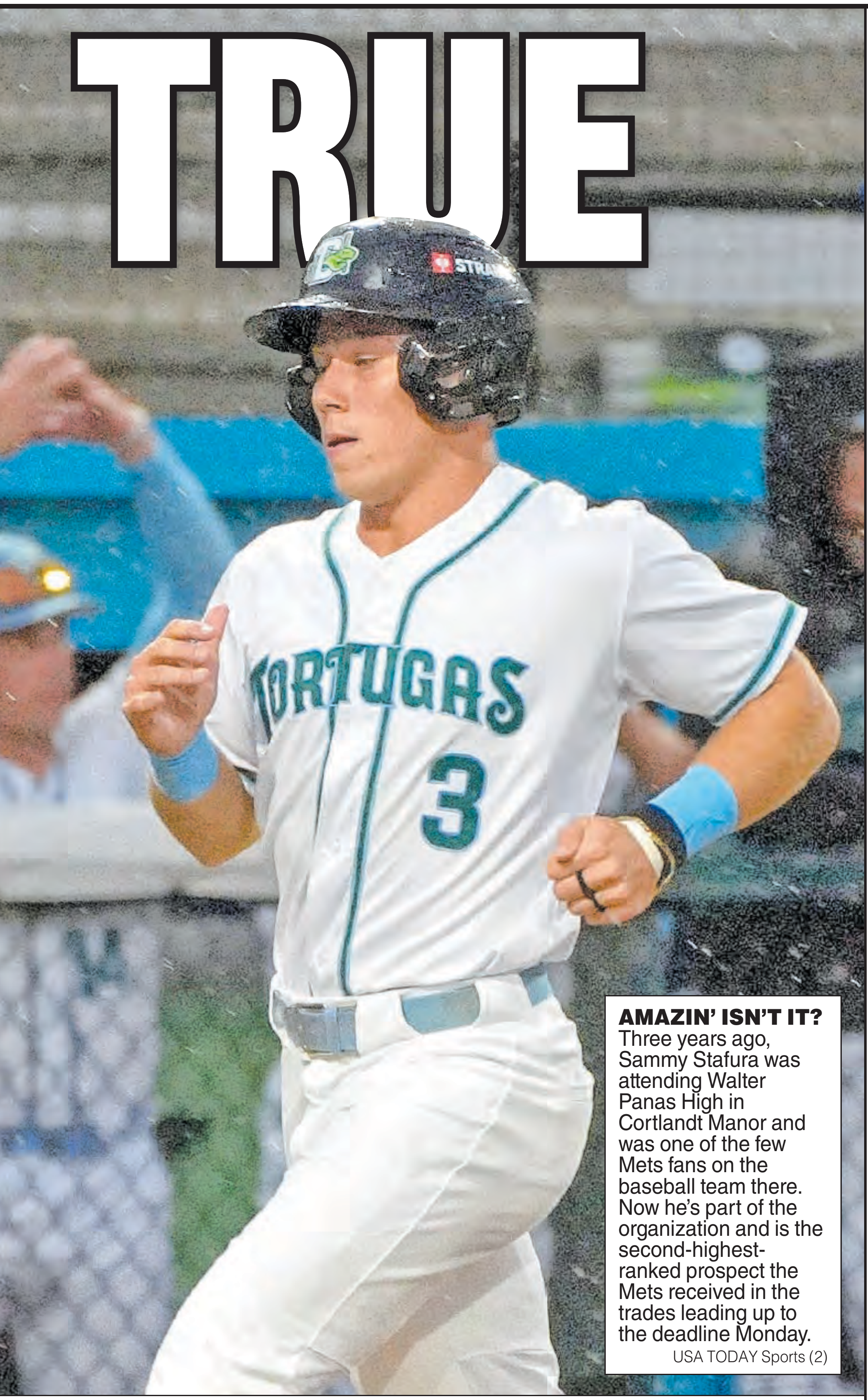

AMAZIN' ISN'T IT? Three years ago, Sammy Stafura was attending Walter Panas High in Cortlandt Manor and was one of the few Mets fans on the baseball team there. Now he's part of the organization and is the second-highest-ranked prospect the Mets received in the trades leading up to the deadline Monday. USA TODAY Sports (2)

celebrations after call-up

a starter and starting is something I would like to do. But I understand my results, my stats, don't show that I necessarily deserve a starting pitching rotation spot."

Green noted that such one-inning bursts for Senga weren't possible with **Luke Weaver**, **Huascar Brazobán**, **Brooks Raley** and **A.J. Minter** assuming such high-leverage roles. All four veterans were traded in the last week.

"I don't think you can expect [Senga] to pitch three out of four [days] at this point in time, but his right arm has 100 mph in it and a nasty forkball and that profile plays for a late-inning reliever," Green said.

➤ **Robert Stock** will remain in the rotation as the fifth starter, according to Green. The right-hander allowed one earned run over five innings in his start against the Marlins on Sunday.

➤ Green said he anticipates **Luis Robert Jr.** will continue to play regularly, but he could see some action in the corner outfield positions. The Mets were unsuccessful in trading the veteran center fielder before Monday's deadline.

Sweet smell of success

Lavender impressive out of pen in debut as Mets top Guardians

By MIKE PUMA

CLEVELAND — Name tags might have been appropriate within the Mets clubhouse Tuesday, a day after president of baseball operations David Stearns finished his trade deadline sell-off.

The anonymous new Mets included Nate Lavender, Jefry Yan and Chayse McDermott. More familiar — yet largely forgotten — names such as Dedniel Núñez and Cristian Pache also arrived.

Life after Luke Weaver, Huascar Brazobán and Brooks Raley, to name a few, wasn't so bad for the Mets on this night, who received three home runs and strong work from one of the bullpen newcomers in a 6-2 victory over the Guardians at Progressive Field.

Luis Torrens, Bo Bichette and Carson Benge all went deep to help the Mets end a three-game losing streak.

Lavender, in his major league debut, pitched 1 ⅓ scoreless innings to resume where Raley and A.J. Minter — the two lefty relievers traded by the Mets in recent days — left off.

"It's been a long journey," said Lavender, a 26-year-old who was drafted by the team in 2021 and departed through the Rule 5 draft before undergoing Tommy John surgery with the Rays and returning to the Mets.

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Interim manager Andy Green summoned Lavender in the seventh with the tying run at the plate. Lavender struck out Travis Bazzana to end the inning.

"I think what really energizes a group of guys is having a guy make a debut, come in and get a huge out in a tough situation against a very good hitter and then go out there and throw really well the next inning," Green said. "I thought the dugout was as alive in that Nate Lavender punch-out as it's been in some time and I think that hopefully is a catalyst to bring some energy with these new guys we have got here.

"We saw a bunch of guys in different roles that are pitching in tough situations. They did a great job, so I think everybody took some juice from that."

The new-look bullpen included Kodai Senga shifted from long relief to pitching the ninth. The right-hander worked a scoreless inning.

The Mets received a third straight solid outing from Sean Manaea, but the left-hander lived dangerously: he allowed seven hits and five walks, yielding two runs over six innings with seven strikeouts. It was Manaea's third straight start pitching six innings and allowing two earned runs or fewer.

HERE'S THE DEAL: Not only did Nate Lavender make his MLB debut Tuesday night, he got the Mets out of a jam when he struck out Travis Bazzana to end the seventh inning. Imagn Images

"They put the pressure on early and often and to be able to navigate it like that was a lot of fun," Manaea said. "That's everything I have always dreamed of — just to be able to go out there and pitch and navigate a lineup like that. I was just really proud of myself."

Torrens blasted a three-run homer in the second inning to get the Mets started. The homer was the third season for Torrens, whose playing time behind the plate has increased, sliding Francisco Alvarez into an occasional DH role. Alvarez started at DH on this night.

Bichette homered on the first pitch of the third inning to extend the Mets' lead to 4-0. Bichette's blast was his 11th this season.

After the Guardians scored a run on Angel Martinez's RBI double in the third, the Mets countered in the fourth. They took a 5-1 lead on Torrens' RBI single after Marcus Semien had walked leading off the inning and advanced to second on a groundout.

Manaea surrendered an RBI single to Bazzana in the fifth that sliced the Mets' lead to 5-2. Manaea allowed a walk and single before Bazzana delivered.

Benge smashed a 451-foot homer to center field in the eighth inning to give the Mets a 6-2 lead. The homer was Benge's 12th this season.

Green said bench coach Kai Correa, a former Guardians coach, doubted that Benge's ball be a homer based on the area of the ballpark to which it was hit.

"I love it when Kai's wrong, because it doesn't happen often," Green said. "That was a fun one to talk about. [Benge] absolutely crushed it."

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Weathers makes his case for rotation

By ANDREW CRANE

With Brian Cashman not adding a reliever before the trade deadline Monday, and with a pair of Yankees starters inching closer to returns, each start has become an audition for Ryan Weathers.

Carlos Rodón and Clarke Schmidt are both tracking toward rehab assignments, though Schmidt's live batting practice Tuesday ended after two ups instead of three with forearm cramps that, at the very least, created a temporary scare.

Cam Schlittler, Gerrit Cole and Max Fried are already positioned atop the rotation. That'd create a rotation logjam and force two — with Will Warren also factoring into the equation — to shift to the bullpen if everyone remains healthy, but Weathers continued to make his case for a spot in the rotation Tuesday, tossing six scoreless innings in the Yankees' 2-0 win over the Cardinals to extend his scoreless streak to a career-best 17 $^{2}/_{3}$ consecutive innings.

"We're all in the same ballpark of like, if that's what my job is and that helps us win ballgames, I mean, we all have the same end goal," Weathers said when asked if he'd welcome a move to the bullpen or if he'd want to make a case to stay in the rotation. "So if that happens, then it happens. If it doesn't, it doesn't."

Weathers needed just 88 pitches to navigate the Cardinals while scattering four hits, walking one and striking out six. He received plenty of help behind him from 21-year-old shortstop George Lombard Jr., who turned a pair of nifty double plays in his MLB debut. Weathers didn't allow a runner to reach second base until the sixth inning, when JJ Wetherholt walked with two outs, Iván Herrera singled and Weathers stared down his first true jam of the night.

José Fermín drilled a sinker that carried an expected batting average of .940, according to Baseball Savant, but Heliot Ramos, making his Yankees (64-50) debut, made the catch.

"Just ran off the barrel enough to fly out to left," Weathers said.

Manager Aaron Boone considered sending Weathers back out for the seventh inning before the walk and hard contact in the sixth, but it still marked the first time in Weathers' career where he compiled consecutive starts with at least five scoreless innings.

TAKE 2B

Getting work at a new position in minors what Volpe needs for second shot at majors

SWING & MISS: Anthony Volpe was in prime position to become the next great Yankees shortstop. But he has yet to live up to his potential and was demoted to Triple-A, where he will play some second base as well as short — which might be his only path back to the big leagues. AP, Corey Sipkin

By ANDREW CRANE

This time, Anthony Volpe won't exclusively play shortstop in the minors. This time, the forever shortstop who idolized Derek Jeter growing up in New Jersey — who dreamed of playing that same position for his childhood team one day, and then did — might require a position change to get back to the Yankees.

That's the reality facing Volpe. He'll work at both shortstop and second base in the minors, Aaron Boone said Tuesday of the 25-year-old whom the Yankees optioned to Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. The move cleared a spot for 21-year-old George Lombard Jr. — the new shortstop of the future — to make his MLB debut. It marked a telling admission by Boone, with Volpe only playing shortstop in the majors since winning the Yankees job out of spring training in 2023 and only logging time at shortstop while with the RailRiders earlier this season.

And it served as a sharp reminder that regardless of how murky Volpe's future as the Yankees shortstop has seemed at previous junctures, it officially barreled into a crossroads before his fourth season even ended.

"We'll have him play both," Boone said before the Yankees continued a series against the Cardinals in The Bronx, "so hopefully, that's something that serves him well and us well moving forward — potentially in the short term, but in the long term as well."

Volpe, who'd been splitting time with José Caballero as Lombard loomed, wasn't in the SWB lineup for Tuesday's game, and it's unclear how exactly he'll split time between shortstop and second base. But in the aftermath of the Yankees loss Monday, Volpe became one of the "tough conversations" — along with Jasson Domínguez, who was optioned to make room for deadline acquisition Heliot Ramos — he needed to have.

Boone used himself as an example when talking with the players, with the manager himself someone who needed to go back to the minors to earn another chance after already playing in the majors.

"Two people that we love and think highly of and think still have very bright big league careers ahead of them," Boone said of Volpe and Domínguez. "Those are humbling, challenging — can be humbling and challenging times. But they can also be part of helping you become a more refined and better player.

"And in both cases, I expect them to both have really strong, long careers, and this will be part of their story and hopefully things that help them get to another level that we believe they're capable of."

But outside of 2023 — when he won the shortstop job then won a Gold Glove — and flashes the past two-plus seasons, Volpe has failed to match the Yankees' initial belief in him. Through 56 games with the Yankees this season, he has hit just .240 with a .646 OPS and just one home run, while committing four errors after tying for the American League lead with 19 last season.

Now, Volpe will get a chance to follow through on his fiery defense last month — when a since-retracted report surfaced stating that Volpe refused to play anything but shortstop while in Triple-A — that he'd do "literally anything" to help the Yankees win.

He has only started two games at

second base as a professional, with both occurring back in 2021 while at Single-A and High-A. Everything since then has been about his path toward becoming, and then remaining, the Yankees' shortstop. But with Lombard set to get plenty of opportunities to stick, it might be difficult for Volpe to claw his way back to the majors this season, barring an injury.

With Lombard set to get plenty of opportunities to stick with the Yankees, it might be difficult for Volpe to claw his way back to the majors this season, barring an injury. He has never been in a spot quite like this before with the Yankees.

Boone and Brian Cashman were defiant in standing up for Volpe through his struggles. He delivered on the World Series stage in 2024. The Yankees remained steadfast in the assurance that even after shoulder surgery sidelined him into spring training and the start of the 2026 season, Volpe remained the starting shortstop when healthy.

But Volpe's outlook first started to shift when Caballero played well to start the season while Volpe recovered. It shifted again when Lombard returned from multiple sprained fingers last month and hit .377 with a 1.081 OPS in 14 games with the RailRiders. Still, the trade deadline arrived without an external solution factoring into the Yankees shortstop equation, and Cashman told reporters Monday evening that they were operating "business as usual."

Then the nadir, at least for Volpe, arrived Tuesday. He's no longer just a shortstop in the eyes of the franchise he always wanted to be one for.

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Maybe next time

Rooting for a rebound, here or elsewhere, is only fun thing to do

Mike Vaccaro

'T*HE PLAN,"* the column begins, *"is for this to be something of a soundtrack for the next 15 or so years of Anthony Volpe's life ..."*

This was from The New York Post, March 31, 2023. The author was your humble narrator, who was one of 46,172 witnesses to the early hours of Anthony Volpe's career. It was a moment of hope, an hour of triumph (the Yankees blanked the Giants that Opening Day 5-0 behind Gerrit Cole's first step toward a Cy Young Award) and a day of promise for Volpe — who drew a walk, stole a base and fielded a clean shortstop, handling all three of his chances flawlessly.

"It was probably the most fun day of my entire life," Volpe said at game's end, the smile that had been fastened to his face from the moment he hopped out of the dugout three hours before still in full bloom, not soon to be extinguished. "I had goose bumps the whole day."

The crowd — and the full ballast of Yankees Nation — had been behind him from that first leap onto the field. During pregame introductions they bestowed him the second-loudest ovation of the day, behind only Aaron Judge, playing his first game after his epic 62-homer masterpiece season. As Volpe's parents sat beaming in Section 214, the Bleacher Creatures roared his name during the Roll Call.

When they did, Volpe turned to them, grabbed his jersey and kissed the interlocking "NY" on the left breast.

"It felt," Judge quipped later, "like he was chasing 62 his first at-bat."

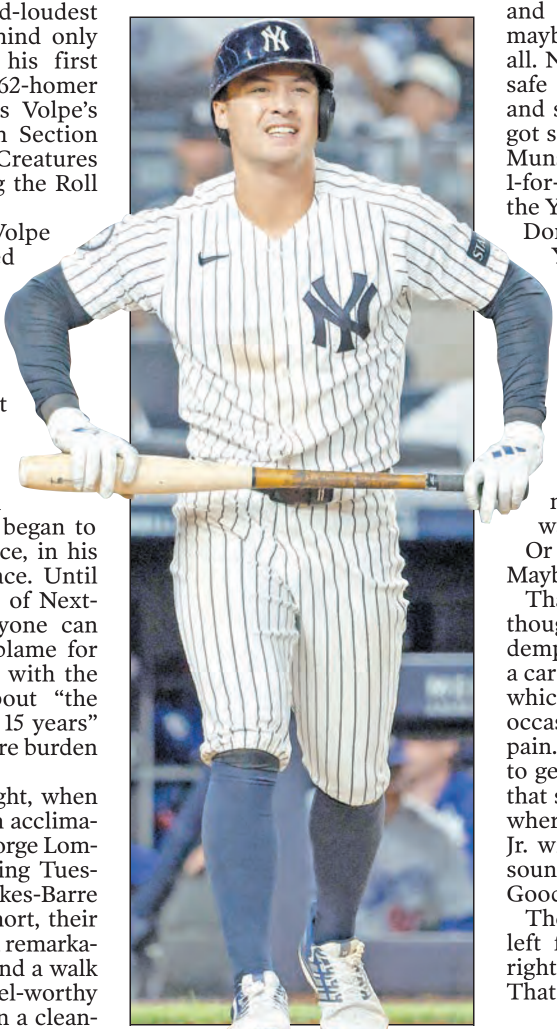
It was a Bronx tale to end all Bronx tales.

Until it wasn't. Until the grind of the game began to show in his performance, in his results, often on his face. Until the unfair expectations of Next-Jeterdom — and everyone can take a portion of the blame for that, including the guy with the laptop who wrote about "the soundtrack of the next 15 years" of his life — became more burden than blessing.

Until late Monday night, when Yankees fans rejoiced in acclimation at the news that George Lombard Jr. would be arriving Tuesday from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre to make his debut at short, their glee returned in full by a remarkable debut, a home run and a walk and one highlight-reel-worthy start to a double play on a clean-sheet defensive night in a 2-0 Yankees win over the Cardinals.

Sadly, for the player heading to Pennsylvania, anyway, those fans seemed to take equally ardent relief that it would be Volpe heading west on I-80 while Lombard motored east.

It happens that way sometimes. Volpe has had his moments, though as it started to fall apart for him, they were harder and harder to remember. He had a fine rookie season — 21 homers, a Gold Glove, eighth in the Rookie of the Year vote. And no matter what happens from here, he will be on the list of nine Yankees who've swatted a grand slam in the World Series. Babe Ruth never did that. Lou Gehrig never did that. Nor did Joe DiMaggio. Or Reggie Jackson.



Maybe this is precisely what Volpe needs, a reset, maybe a reinvention as a second baseman or a super-utility player. Maybe he needs a full change of scenery. It's hard to imagine there aren't 20 teams that couldn't use his skill set at the major league level, most of those games well apart from the glare of New York and the shadow of Jeter and the pull of New Jersey, where he grew up a Yankees fan harboring but one dream in life.

He was never bashful about any of that, rejoiced in the retelling, and maybe that's the key. Or maybe it can happen here, after all. New York is nothing if not a safe harbor for second chances and second acts. Mickey Mantle got sent to the minors. Thurman Munson started 1970 going 1-for-30, ended up as Rookie of the Year, and remains, along with Don Mattingly, the greatest Yankee not in the Hall of Fame.

Tino Martinez nearly went deaf from all the boos as he tried to replace Mattingly in 1996, and, in a wonderful example of how unpredictable these things are, Jason Giambi experienced the same phenomenon six years later when he was tasked to replace Tino.

Or maybe it won't happen here. Maybe it won't happen anywhere.

That's not the way to root, though. The way to root is for redemption, and for Volpe to carve a career for himself in a game for which he's worked so hard and, occasionally, played with real pain. The way to root is for him to get that second act, maximize that second chance, here or elsewhere. Maybe George Lombard Jr. will be the one who gets the soundtrack for the next 15 years. Good luck to him.

There's still some soundtrack left for Volpe, if the cards fall right, if the parts start to click. That's still the best way to root.

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BRONX LOMBERS

Prized rookie launches 1st homer in MLB debut as Yanks blank Cardinals

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

The Yankees have not referred to George Lombard Jr. as a savior of their season. The words "Derek Jeter" have yet to come out of Aaron Boone's mouth when asked for comparison. The vision that the club's manager laid out Tuesday, shortly after promoting the young shortstop, was for Lombard to "get settled here as seamlessly as possible and hopefully go out there and help us win ballgames."

And then Lombard authored the kind of debut that ensured the nearly impossible expectations, at least externally, will only grow.

In his first major league game, Lombard looked like the kind of immediate upgrade — with the bat and glove — who allows the Yankees and their fans to fantasize they have found their World Series shortstop for the present and the future.

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The 21-year-old top prospect homered in his second big league at-bat, put on a show defensively and immediately displayed why he was untouchable at this and every trade deadline since joining the organization, contributing plenty to a 2-0 Yankees victory over the Cardinals.

There were 41,081 fans who watched a sweet swing and several slick defensive plays from Lombard. But if this game truly marks the start of a new Yankees era, there will be millions more who claim they witnessed the rise of Lombard firsthand.

"This is probably a moment, a swing, a day I won't forget forever," Lombard said after his team improved to 64-50 on the year and 1-0 in the Lombard Era, which will be remembered for that swing and a bit of defensive wizardry.

Lombard had struggled initially with the bat at every minor league affiliate before adjusting and conquering the level. At least for one game, he required only two at-bats to figure out big league pitching.

After a third-inning groundout, Lombard stepped up in the fifth inning and smoked a solo home run into the left field seats for his first hit, homer, RBI, run scored and electrifying moment in The Bronx.

"He's strong," Boone said after Hunter Dobbins' 0-2 sweeper got too much of the plate and was redirected 392 feet for a 2-0 Yankees lead. "He knows what he wants to do. He knows his plan."

Lombard allowed a small smile as he rounded the bases while his parents — who earlier in the night had celebrated the first professional home run from George's brother, Jacob, in his debut with the Marlins' Low-A affiliate — hugged in the stands. The home dugout exploded. Yankee Stadium found a new hero.

And yet the kid, barely old enough to drink alcohol, whose reputation for maturity might be greater than his reputation for baseball excellence, did not show much emotion.

"Honestly, I felt pretty relaxed [during the game]," said the third-youngest Yankee (behind Jasson Domínguez and Johnny Ellis) in history to homer in his debut. "I think everybody around me, everyone here, helped me feel comfortable once I got here."

To see the dangers of proclaiming Lombard as the rightful heir to Jeter, you just have to look at the last shortstop proclaimed as such, who was optioned to Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre with Tuesday's corresponding move. A 2019 first-round pick, Anthony Volpe was the darling of the organization and the fanbase until he was not. In his fourth big league season, Volpe will have to prove himself in the minors to even make the case he can be a part-time player in The Bronx.

There are no guarantees, but the 2023 first-round pick wasted no time showing off tools that Volpe does not have in his toolbox.

Arguably more impressive than his home run was the second-inning ground ball that Blaze Jordan smacked into the hole, where Lombard took a few long steps and lunged.

"I didn't realize he was that long," said winning pitcher Ryan Weathers, who watched Lombard spear the ball with an extended backhand and throw with force to second while fading away. Jazz Chisholm Jr. caught it, turned and threw for a well-turned double play.

"Pretty special turn. You just see how fluid he is, how physical he is," Boone added of the play, on which Lombard looked "like a puma."

Add in a homer from Chisholm and nine shutout innings from Weathers, Fernando Cruz, Brent Headrick and David Bednar, and the Yankees seized a 10th victory in their past 16 games.

This one, though, felt different. Time will tell, but it felt as if it should be remembered.

"Obviously a great first night for him," Boone said of his new shortstop. "The home run was great. The defense was tremendous."

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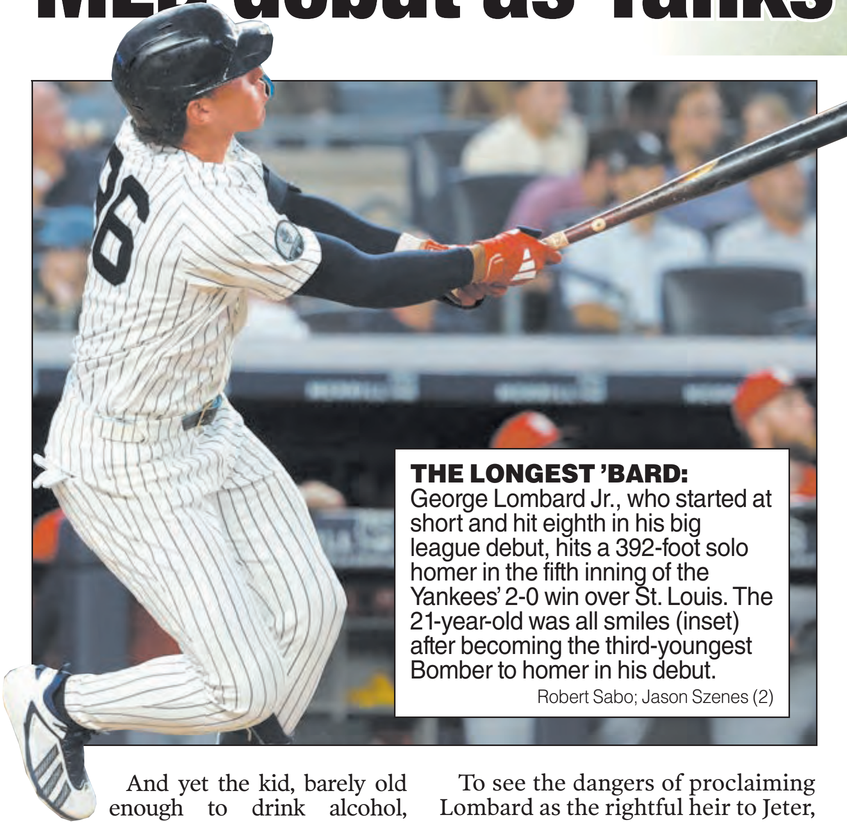
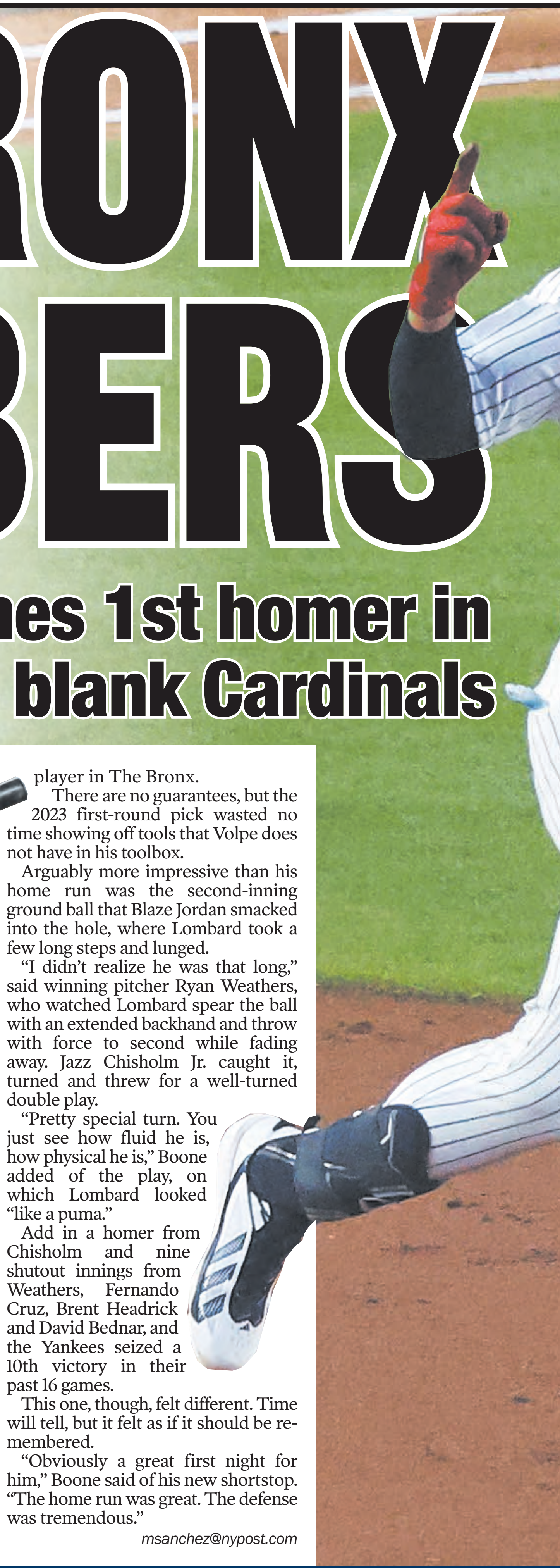


THE LONGEST 'BARD: George Lombard Jr., who started at short and hit eighth in his big league debut, hits a 392-foot solo homer in the fifth inning of the Yankees' 2-0 win over St. Louis. The 21-year-old was all smiles (inset) after becoming the third-youngest Bomber to homer in his debut.

Robert Sabo; Jason Szenes (2)



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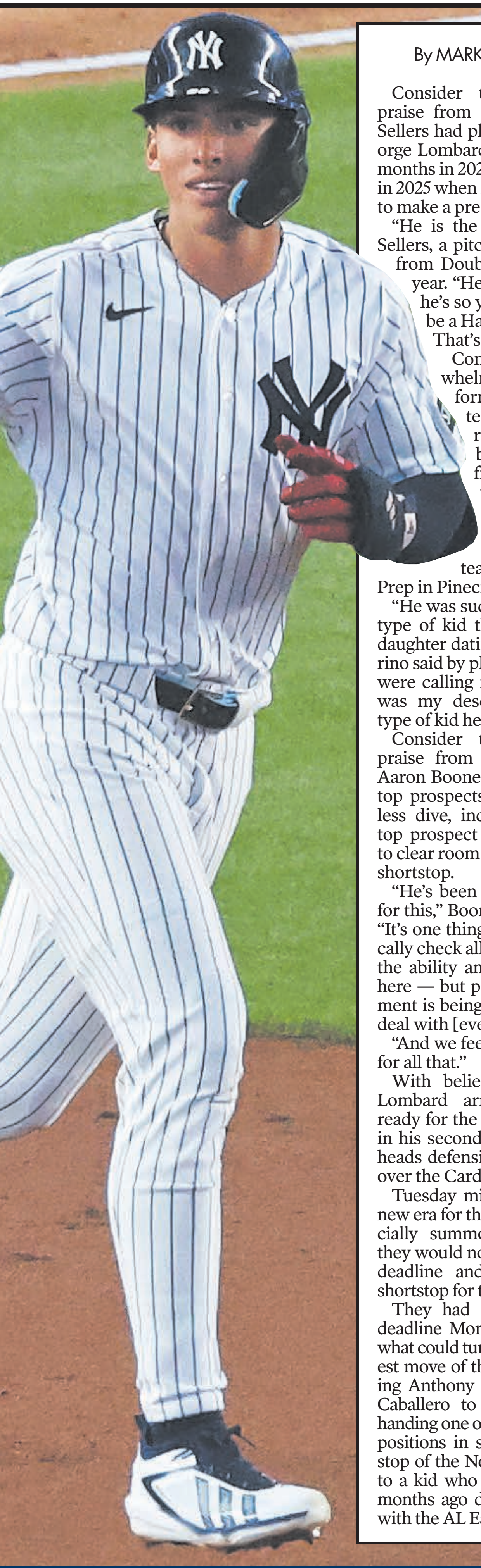

Kid has chance to be ‘special’

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

Consider the overwhelming praise from a teammate. Trent Sellers had played alongside George Lombard Jr. for a couple of months in 2024 and a few months in 2025 when he had seen enough to make a prediction.

“He is the next Derek Jeter,” Sellers, a pitching prospect, said from Double-A Somerset last year. “He is so, so good, and he’s so young. He’s going to be a Hall of Famer one day. That’s what I believe.”

Consider the overwhelming praise from a former coach and teacher. Isaac Tijerino coached Lombard in baseball from sixth grade through his senior year of high school and was also his physical education teacher at Gulliver Prep in Pinecrest, Fla.

“He was such a good kid — the type of kid that you want your daughter dating, marrying,” Tijerino said by phone. “When scouts were calling me about him, that was my description about the type of kid he was.”

Consider the overwhelming praise from his new manager. Aaron Boone has seen countless top prospects thrive and countless dive, including the former top prospect who was demoted to clear room on the roster and at shortstop.

“He’s been prepared and bred for this,” Boone said of Lombard. “It’s one thing to certainly physically check all the boxes and have the ability and be ready to play here — but part of that development is being able to handle and deal with [everything else].

“And we feel like he’s equipped for all that.”

With belief all around him, Lombard arrived and looked ready for the moment, homering in his second at-bat and turning heads defensively in the 2-0 win over the Cardinals.

Tuesday might have marked a new era for the Yankees, who officially summoned the prospect they would not move at any trade deadline and installed him at shortstop for the indefinite future.

They had a (relatively) quiet deadline Monday before making what could turn out to be the loudest move of the season in optioning Anthony Volpe, moving José Caballero to a utility role and handing one of the most cherished positions in sports — the shortstop of the New York Yankees — to a kid who only turned 21 two months ago during a stretch run with the AL East at stake.

SIGN OF THE TIMES: George Lombard Jr. signs autographs for a young fans after the Yankees’ 2-0 win over the Cardinals.
Jason Szenes

The Yankees felt confident enough in the tools and confident enough in Lombard’s spotless makeup that they were not afraid to flip-flop their shortstops of the future in August.

“Be you,” Boone said of his advice to Lombard, who if form holds will struggle then soar all while letting others do the talking for him.

Lombard is the son of a coach — his father is a former major leaguer and the bench coach of the Tigers — and is the precise archetype of that genre of person. He is eloquent and bilingual. He is a quiet leader who has commanded clubhouses in the Yankees system. According to many around him, he is unfailingly kind and a tireless worker.

Growing up, he was supremely talented in baseball. He also played football. He also helped Gulliver win a state championship in soccer. His work ethic, in everything he tried, “was amazing,” said Tijerino, who both drilled Lombard in baseball and watched his father do the same.

He knew there was “something special” awaiting Lombard in his future, and yet, “compared to all his friends, his little group of friends, he was the quiet one,” said Tijerino, who had plans with other coaches to watch Lombard’s debut from a Miami-area sports bar. “He was always a quiet one, but he was always super respectful of all the teachers.”

A sparkling reputation and surreal ability and high school stats made Lombard the 26th overall pick in 2023.

In the system, he became known for defensive excellence, baserunning smarts and figuring opposing pitching out with a bit of time, which is why Lombard made more sense as an August call-up than a September call-up.

“I think the more I’ve played and the more kind of experience at different levels I’ve got under my belt, the more I’ve just kind of learned, ‘OK, I’m going to need to do this to have success,’ or ‘This feels more comfortable,’ or ‘I feel more competitive when I do this,’” Lombard said. “So it’s just learning from every single moment.”

Moments like Tuesday’s — when his backhanded stab and strong throw to second started a double play and when he homered off Hunter Dobbins — will invite fans to declare he is the heir of Jeter’s throne.

“I try to avoid getting caught up in those outside expectations,” said Lombard, who would only need to look at the player he replaced if he needed another reminder of the dangers of hype.

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INJURY REPORT

- **Clarke Schmidt** (Tommy John surgery recovery) threw two “innings” rather than three during a live batting practice Tuesday because he felt some cramping in his arm. There were no immediate plans for Schmidt’s arm to undergo further tests.
- **Giancarlo Stanton** (calf strain) took some at-bats against Schmidt, Aaron Boone said, in his second straight day facing live pitching.

ON DECK

vs. Cardinals

**Wednesday, 7:05 p.m.,
Prime Video, WFAN
(660 AM, 101.9 FM)**

RHP Will Warren

2026 stats:
8-5, 4.14 ERA

Career vs. STL:
0-1, 5.19 ERA

Last start:
Fri., at CHC;
6.2 IP, 0 ER, 7 K

PITCH BREAKDOWN

4-Seamer	Sinker	Sweeper
37%	27%	20%

RHP Andre Pallante

2026 stats:
11-6, 3.72 ERA

Career vs. NYY:
First start

Last start:
Thu., vs. CHC;
6.1 IP, 2 ER, 2 BB

PITCH BREAKDOWN

4-Seamer	Slider	Sinker
31%	30%	19%

UP NEXT

FRIDAY: vs. Braves,
7:05 p.m., YES, WFAN
TBD vs. TBD

SATURDAY: vs. Braves,
3:05 p.m., YES, WFAN
TBD vs. TBD

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Starz

STREAM IT OR SKIP IT

While there's a lot of violence and melodrama in **"Fightland"** (Starz), there's more than enough going on underneath the surface to keep viewers engaged with Duke's plot to get back at the Marshalls for everything they put him through. **OUR CALL: STREAM IT**

WHAT TO WATCH

"Sterling Point" is a refreshing new addition to Prime Video. In the midst of a slew of book-to-TV adaptations, "Sterling Point" arrives as an original work, featuring a stellar cast of young actors. Did we just find out show of the summer? We think we just might have.

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WHAT TO WATCH. WHEREVER YOU WATCH

RE-GAYLE-ING US WITH THE 'ABSURD'

'House of the Dragon' star Gayle Rankin on that 'pretty crazy' sex dream scene

Gayle Rankin (center) and Ewan Mitchell (below) star in "House of the Dragon." The Season 3 finale premieres on Sunday, Aug. 9 at 9 p.m. on HBO and HBO Max.

HBO

By MEGHAN O'KEEFE

HBO's **"House of the Dragon"** Season 3 has given fans of George R.R. Martin's **"Fire & Blood"** epic live action interpretations of the Battle of the Gullet, the Butcher's Ball, and even the lead up to the first Battle of Tumbleton. However, the storyline that might be blowing fans' minds the most is the strange love story brewing between Alys Rivers (Gayle Rankin) and Aemond Targaryen (Ewan Mitchell).

****Spoilers for "House of the Dragon" Season 3 Episode 7 "The Dragon in Winter," now streaming on HBO Max****

Hardcore fans of Martin's work already knew that Aemond and Alys would cross paths in a big way on "House of the Dragon"; what we could not have anticipated, though, was how weird it would be. Sure, we expected strange sex stuff — Aemond's shocking sex dream about his mom checked all of the Targaryen incest boxes — but the awkward scenes between the couple at dinner with Alicent (Olivia Cooke) felt more like a goth version of Netflix's **"Love on the Spectrum"** than anything else. (Do you know how many awkward boys are intensely swinging medieval swords and falling for witchy girls on that show??)

When DECIDER caught up with "House of the Dragon" star Gayle Rankin last week, we asked her about what she and co-star Ewan Mitchell were hoping to capture with Alys and Aemond's nascent romance and where things stand with their relationship.

DECIDER: This week, Aemond is dreaming and you're trying to have sex with him, but he thinks it's his mom and he snaps out of it.

GAYLE RANKIN: Oh, right. Yeah.

What was it like shooting that and have they consummated this romance yet? Or is it just her trying to get him on her level?

Good question. I mean, shooting it was [laughs], it was the thing that we couldn't talk about in the junket cause I think people were like, "What was the craziest scene you had to shoot?" I think that was a pretty crazy f****** scene for all of us. It was fun and funny, those scenes can sometimes be really intense, but they're also ultimately stunt scenes in some ways. I think we all just tried to be really respectful and professional and also keep it pretty lighthearted, you know, cause it was a very absurd scene. And have they consummated this relationship? I mean, I think we're seeing it. I mean we're seeing it happen in front of our eyes, which is thank you HBO for allowing us the privilege. Yeah, I think, but it's early days of that endeavor and so it's vulnerable still, I think, for them.

People online have noticed that as soon as Ser Simon Strong died, your costumes, apparently, looked like she raided his closet.

I love it.

Is that what she did? Have you seen those?

I have seen those and I'm obsessed. It's like, "Girl gets out her sewing machine." It's like, "When your rich uncle dies and you realize you're not poor anymore," or like get your sewing machine out. It's just been – it was really funny. I don't think that that's what we were going for, but I love the idea that she's that industrious. I think people do wanna believe that she's so deeply manipulative, and scheming, and such a grafter, and such a hustler, which I think is definitely not untrue. I also think that like Caroline McCall, who designed our costumes, was also just working within the world of the Strong House. I think there's going to be more of an explanation about where this dress maybe came from.

Netflix

TRENDING NOW

The next next book-to-screen adaptation based on a Carley Fortune title is one step closer to hitting Netflix. **"This Summer Will Be Different,"** starring **Sophie Nélisse**, **Roby Attal**, and **Francesca Reale** (left), has kicked off production on Prince Edward Island.

WHAT'S NEW

ON DISNEY+

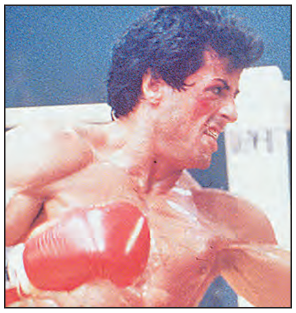
"**Star Wars: Visions Presents - The Ninth Jedi**," a limited anime series.

ON NETFLIX

"**Big Chicken: A Fast Food Conspiracy**," a new documentary (left).

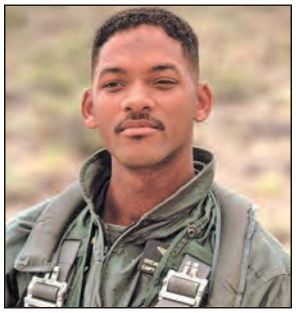
Best Bets

What's on Tonight



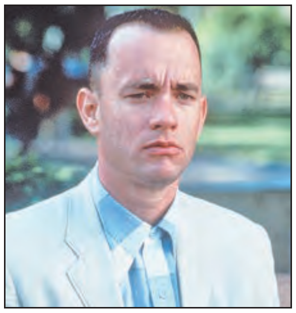
DRAMA

Rocky III: 4:30 p.m. on AMC. Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire. Rocky faces the ultimate challenge from a new contender, and turns to a former rival for help.



ACTION

Independence Day: 6 p.m. on FX. Will Smith, Bill Pullman. The aliens are coming and their goal is to invade Earth. Mankind's best weapon is the will to survive.



ROMANCE

Forrest Gump: 11 p.m. on USA. Tom Hanks, Sally Field. A gifted man with a knack of being in the right place at the right time, tirelessly pursues his love.

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4 WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	News 4 New York at 7	Access Hollywood	Chicago Med: Hell Breaks Loose (R)		Chicago Fire: Coming in Hot (R)		Chicago P.D.: Missing (R)		News 4 New York at 11	(11:35) Tonight Show
5 WNYW	5	5	5	(6:00) 6 O'Clock News	Extra	TMZ	MasterChef: Global Feed		(9:02) Nation's Dumbest: Feud for Thought		The 10 O'Clock News		Good Night New York	Feud Favorites (R)
7 WABC	7	7	7	ABC World News	Jeopardy!: Wildcard (R)	Wheel of Fortune (R)	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: In The Hot Seat		Scrubs: My Return (R)	(9:31) Scrubs (R)	Scrubs: My Rom-Com	(10:31) Scrubs (R)	News	(11:35) Kimmel Live
9 WWOR	9	9	9	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	The News on My 9		Dateline: What They Saw		Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Dateline: Death of a Golden Girl	
11 WPIX	11	11	11	(6:00) PIX11 News at 6	Seinfeld: Fusilli Jerry	The Big Bang Theory	Police 24/7: Run n' Gun (R)		Police 24/7: Family Matters (R)		PIX11 News at Ten		New York Nightcap	Seinfeld: Stock Tip
13 WNET	13	13	13	BBC News America	The PBS News Hour		Nature: Big Little Journeys: Bloodlines (R)		NOVA: Return to the Moon (R)		Bugs That Rule the World: Beetlemania (R)		Amanpour and Company	
21 WLIW	21	21	21	(6:00) News	Antiques Roadshow		TURN: Washington's		To Be Announced				BBC News	The Day
25 WNYE	25	22	25	Energy Swi	Brooklyn	Her B Idea	The NYC F	Feet	Bric tv BM	Eat Harlem	$9.99 R ★★½	Neighbor	New York	Secrets NY
31 WPXN	31	3	531	(6:00) Blue	Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods: Playing Fire		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods	
41 WXTV	41	6	41	N Univisi	La rosa de Guadalupe		Tan Cerca de Ti, Nace el		Guardián de mi Vida		Corazon de Oro		Noticias	N Univisio
47 WNJU	47	16	12	Noticias	Operación Triunfo				El Señor de los Cielos		Lejos de Ti		Noticiero	Noticias
55 WLNY	55	10	10	Perfect (R)	Last Man	Last Man	News 8pm		48 Hours: Hollywood		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Neighbor.	Neighbor.
A&E	46	46	181	Arrest (R)	Arrest (R)	Arrest (R)	Arrest (R)	Arrest (R)	Arrest	Arrest	Swamp Pat.	Swamp Pat.	Swamp Pat.	Swamp Pat.
AMC	54	43	231	(6:00) Sixteen Candles (1984, Comedy)			Footloose (1984, Drama) Kevin Bacon. PG ★★½					The Breakfast Club (1985) R ★★★½		
BBCAM	71	101	189	Ghost Rider (2007, Action) Nicolas Cage. PG-13 ★★					Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (2012) PG ★½				Criminal Minds	
BET	37	54	270	(6:00) Feud	Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		Tyler Perry's The Oval		Tyler Perry's The Oval		OG Stories	TBA
BRAVO	18	44	185	The Valley	(6:59) The Valley (R)		The Valley		Next Gen NYC: Talk To My Agent			The Valley (R)		Next Gen
CNBC	15	24	102	Money	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		WNBA Basketball: Los Angeles Sparks at Chicago Sky. Live.					Greed (R)
CNN	78	25	100	(6:00) Lead	Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper 360°		The Source with Kaitlan		CNN NewsNight		Laura Coates Live	
COMEDY	45	50	190	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
DISC	66	27	120	Exp Unknwn	Expedition Unknown (R)		Expedition Unknown (R)		Expedition Unknown		(10:02) Catch a Dirtbag		(11:02) Exp. Unknown (R)	
DISNEY	49	31	250	Big City	Big City	Big City	Phineas	Phineas	Wizards	Phineas	Phineas	Kiff	Miraculous	Miraculous
E!	24	51	196	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	9-1-1: Wannabes (R)	
ESPN	28	36	70	Sports	Sports	MLB Baseball: Pittsburgh Pirates at Milwaukee Brewers. Live.						SportsCenter		Sports
ESPN2	29	35	74	Podcast	Athletes Unlimited Softball: Little League Pro Game				World Series of Poker Main Event: Final Table Live.					
FBN	43	106	117	Bottom	Kudlow (R)		The Claman Countdown		Legends & Lies		Legends & Lies		Legends & Lies	
FNC	44	26	118	Spc. Rpt.	The Ingraham Angle		Jesse Watters Primetime		Hannity		Gutfeld!		Fox News @ Night	
FOOD	50	97	164	Grocery	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Too Hot	Diners	Guy's Grocery Games	
FREE	38	49	199	Devil Wears Prada (2006)		Pitch Perfect (2012, Comedy) Anna Kendrick. PG-13 ★★★					House of Stassi		The 700 Club (R)	
FS1	400	99	83	CONCACAF U-20 Champ.: Quarterfinal: Game 3				Travis	Calgary Replay.		Leagues Cup Soccer Live.			
FX	10	40	53	(5:30) Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (2023, Action) Chris Pratt.					The Shards: Pilot		(10:11) The Shards		(11:15) The Martian (2015)	
HALL		191	240	(6:00) The Royal We (2025, Romance)			Toast to Italy (2026)				Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden
HGTV	64	98	165	Ugliest	Ugliest House in America		My Rental	My Rental	Renovation Resort Show		Worst Yard	Worst Yard	Hunters	Hunters
HIST	40	47	128	Alone (R)	Alone: Balancing Act (R)		Alone: Natural Order (R)		Alone: Tides of Fortune			(10:34) Forged in Fire		Alone (R)
ID	23	171	123	Murder	Murder in the Heartland		Body Cam		Body Cam		911: Did the Killer Call?		See No Evil: In My Heart	
LIFE	62	45	140	Rizzoli	Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		(10:03) Rizzoli & Isles		(11:03) Rizzoli & Isles	
MeTV	33	33	3	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy	Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Golden	Golden	Burnett	P. Mason
MSG	27	87	78	(5:00) NBA	NBA Basketball				MSG PM	MSG PM	NBA Basketball			
MSG Plus	48	88	80	(6:00) To Be Announced: Program information is currently unavailable.										
MSNOW	14	23	103	Ari Melber	The Weeknight		All in with Chris Hayes		The Briefing Jen Psaki		Lawrence O'Donnell		The 11th Hour with Ali	
MTV	20	53	210	Bang	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	The Challenge: Cutthroat		Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
NATGEO	65	162	121	Smuggler	Catch Smuggler (R)		Catch Smuggler (R)		Catch Smuggler (R)		Catch Smuggler (R)		Catch Smuggler (R)	
NICK	6	121	252	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Bang	Bang	(11:15) Big Bang Theory	
OWN	173	180	145	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery
PARMT	36	56	54	(6:00) The Hangover (2009, Comedy) Bradley Cooper.				The Hangover Part II (2011, Comedy) Bradley Cooper. R ★★★					The Hangover Part III ★★★	
SNY	26	60	77	MLB Baseball: New York Mets at Cleveland Guardians. Live.						Post Game	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports
SYFY	17	48	180	Underworld	Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom (2018, Adventure) Chris Pratt. PG-13 ★★★						The Ark		The Happening (2008) ★★	
TBS	8	39	52	Bang	Bang	Bang	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite: Dynamite 8/5/2026 Live.					Jokers (R)	Jokers (R)	The Office
TCM	82	41	230	(6:00) Scarlet Street (1946, Thriller) ★★★			Man Hunt (1941, Thriller) Walter Pidgeon. NR ★★★½				Father of the Bride (1950, Comedy) Spencer Tracy.			
TLC	52	28	139	(6:00) Most	Most Extreme (R)		Most Extreme (R)		Most Extreme Humans		Save My Skin (R)		Jay & Pamela (R)	
TNT	3	37	51	Barbie (2023, Comedy) Margot Robbie.			Just Go With It (2011, Comedy) Adam Sandler. PG-13 ★★½					Pretty Woman (1990) Richard Gere. ★★★		
TVLAND	85	34	241	(6:24) Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	(9:20) Loves Raymond		Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens
USA	16	38	50	WNBA Wed	WNBA Basketball Live.				WNBA Basketball: Los Angeles Sparks at Chicago Sky. Live.					Mother
VH1	19	52	217	Wife/Kids	Wife/Kids	Wife/Kids	Easy A (2010, Comedy) Emma Stone. PG-13 ★★★				ATL (2006, Drama) T.I. PG-13 ★★			
WE	59	42	149	(6:00) NCIS	NCIS: Sandblast		NCIS: Once a Hero		NCIS: Twisted Sister		NCIS: Smoked		NCIS: Driven	
YES	53	89	76	MLS: Toronto FC at New York City FC. Replay.				Badalona to			Postgame	Yankees	Sportico	Nets Pod
HBO	511	301	400	The Man Will Burn (R)		Life Larry	(8:08) Of the Dragon (R)		(9:15) The Drama (2026, Romance) Zendaya.				If I Had Legs I'd Kick R	
MAX	531	371	420	The Flash (2023, Action) Sasha Calle.			Prometheus (2012, Science Fiction) Noomi Rapace. R				(10:05) Road House (1989, Action) Patrick Swayze. R			
MGM Plus	595		395	Longest	(7:05) The Westies		Men in Black (1997) Will Smith. ★★★½			Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (2006)				In & Out
PARSHO	551	321	365	Vacation R	The Hangover (2009) Bradley Cooper. R			(8:45) The Hangover Part II (2011, Comedy) R ★★★				The Hangover Part III (2013) R ★★★		

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